

Thousands of pounds set to revitalise beauty spot

# RED HOUSE PARK REVAMP ON WAY

Report by Andrew Turton

**THOUSANDS of pounds will be spent on improving a park in Great Barr under plans to revitalise the beauty spot and draw in more visitors.**

New sports equipment and picnic benches will be installed at Red House Park and there will be a clean-up of the woodland.

A new seating area has already been installed at the park's well-known Princess Charlotte Memorial on the hill.

In February, plans were approved for the historic Red House at the park to be converted into apartments – despite a community campaign. Friends of Red House Park vice-chairman David Fisher says members have big plans for the green space as they submitted their plans to the council.

They hope the revamp will lead to the park being awarded Green Flag status, the national mark of quality for parks and green spaces in the UK.

Mr Fisher said: "We would love to achieve Green Flag status in the future and we are looking to work towards it but these things take time."

## Attraction

The main area of focus will be to open up woodland in the lower areas of the park off Longleat. The wood is close to the park's two pools and volunteers want the area to become a feature attraction.

Work to create a picnic area is top priority also, which would involve opening out densely packed trees to bring more light in.

Red House Park's bowling green would also be brought back into use under the plans by the group. "This is a popular park and we want to make more of it. We have good wildlife, badgers, woodpeckers and the like here," Mr Fisher added.

The group has already applied to Skipton Building Society's Grassroots Giving fund to receive a grant of £500 towards the revamp.

Mr Fisher says members are also eager to discover when developers plan to start work on transforming the Red House itself into homes.

The house was built by Robert Wellbeloved Scott in 1841. The park meanwhile has been used by the local community since 1929.

Protesters did not want homes to be built next to the historic building once owned by the Scott family. They felt the area should have been kept as parkland to be used by the public and say there is not enough parking spaces to support 14 dwellings. The Red House will become eight flats.

## NEW LIFE FOR KONNOR, 16, AFTER LIVER DONATION



Front, Konnor Middleton, aged 16, with his mother Vanessa Middleton, step-dad, Lee Varden and sister, Poppy-Leigh Varden aged four

IT'S the news no parent wants to hear – that their teenage son was facing a life or death situation after being struck down by a rare disease. Konnor Middleton faced months of illness, worry and waiting for a liver donor after falling ill while on a school trip with Ormiston Shelfield Community Academy.

But miraculously, after receiving a new 'super-hero' liver in May, the 16-year-old from Walsall responded well and attended his first day at Walsall College this month.

Konnor said: "There were times when it was hard and I did sometimes wonder, why is this happening to me? Since the operation things have been totally different. We call it my super-hero liver. Without the donor this just wouldn't have happened." The nightmare began during the school trip last November.

His mother, Vanessa, aged 39, said: "I took him to the walk-in centre at Walsall Manor and they admitted him straight away. They did an ultrasound and saw that his liver was shutting down. We took him to Birmingham Children's Hospital as soon as a bed was free.

"They told me that if he pulled through the next 36 hours, then he had a chance. I was absolutely terrified." He had Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis (PSC), a disease of the bile ducts which can cause inflammation in and around the liver. Konnor fought his way through the following days, and the process of getting him on the donor list could begin. He was placed on the list in January.

A suitable donor was finally found in May. Vanessa said: "We didn't know what was going to happen. He missed out on his prom,

he missed his GCSEs – he missed out on a lot." When the good news of a replacement liver came, Konnor was in surgery just eight hours later. "The next day he was out of intensive care," Vanessa said. "Within three days he was walking again.

"He's gone from strength to strength since. With PSC there's no guarantee it couldn't happen again, but now that they know what it is they can keep an eye on him."

Konnor started studying media and skills for working life at the college, and he is enjoying his return to normal life.

"We're so grateful to the donor and their family. It's given my son another chance, another life." To register on the national organ donation list, visit [www.organdonation.nhs.uk](http://www.organdonation.nhs.uk).

## CHARITY

### Daley tonic for law firm's fundraisers

TIRELESS fundraisers at a Walsall law firm were put through their paces by double Olympic champion Daley Thompson, after taking part in an epic 2,300 mile challenge for charity.

The team from QualitySolicitors CMHT in, Aldridge raised £674 for Barnardo's children's charity.

Sales executive Sinead Teague, legal executive Amy Dodd and colleagues travelling the total distance between each of the company's UK branches.

They covered 264 miles by walking, running, swimming and cycling. To say thank you for their hard work, Barnardo's arranged for team members from around the UK to take part in a training session with charity patron, Daley Thompson.

Daley said: "It's fantastic that the teams covered such a huge distance and raised so much money for Barnardo's. They clearly aren't afraid to put in the effort, which is why I had no worries about testing their limits in training. It was a really positive workout."



Daley Thompson

## RAILWAYS

### MP gets assurances on electrification bid

ASSURANCES have been sought that work to electrify a rail line through the Black Country and Staffordshire will not be affected by a decision to 'pause' electrification.

Valerie Vaz, MP for Walsall South, asked questions in Parliament about the Walsall to Rugeley Trent Valley Line and was told it had had £27.3 million spent on it so far.

The Labour MP said: "I was concerned that when the Government paused the projects that the long-awaited electrification of the Chase Line from Walsall to Rugeley Trent Valley would be affected. I look forward to the completion of the works on the tunnel in Park Street, Walsall, which the minister has confirmed is due to be completed in May 2016."

Transport minister Claire Perry said: "The route clearance work is substantially complete and has gone well. This has involved five bridges being reconstructed."

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# Firm cements £1.2m boost for site



Cutting the ribbon at the plant

A MAJOR factory rail link has been opened as part of a £1.2 million upgrade of a Walsall concrete plant as it steps up supply to construction projects across the West Midlands.

Hope Construction Materials's new plant at the site can now produce 80 cubic metres of concrete per hour, with raw materials brought in from the firm's quarry and Derby headquarters by rail.

In addition to investing in the concrete plant, Hope has also developed the rail-connected site as an important 'multi-product hub' for the Black Country and West Midlands region.

The expansion has created five new jobs at the Walsall site, on top of the existing workforce of eight. Hope is the UK's leading independent producer of concrete and cement, with 900 people across 170 sites nationwide.

It is already supplying high profile projects in the region from the Walsall plant, including the initial enabling works on the £176 million Bilston Urban Village development in Wolverhampton.

Officially unveiling the Fairground Way site, Hope chief executive Chris Plant said: "This investment means that we can now bring in aggregates by rail

from our quarry near Buxton in Derbyshire; and we can also bring in cement by rail from our Works at Hope, also in Derbyshire.

"This in turn means that we have all the key ingredients for concrete here on one site, ready to provide a slick and efficient first class supply service for the construction boom in this area."

Councillor Mohammed Arif, Walsall Council's cabinet member for shared services and procurement, said: "We welcome Hope, its investment of £1.2 million and its support for local jobs, into Walsall."

# Jail for armed gang in stores and casino raids

THREE armed robbers have been locked up for a string of terrifying raids on convenience stores and a casino that saw them escape with £15,000 of cash and cigarettes.

Wayne Marsh, Grant Walker and Andrew Warley started sentences totalling 26 years.

They carried out three brutal robberies in just 12 days, threatening staff at Walsall's Grosvenor Casino, Wolverhampton's One Stop Shop and Tipton's Co-op with axes, a sickle and knives.

All three sites were open for business at the time the hooded criminals burst in. One traumatised Co-op worker – among several victims who needed counselling, said: "When the axe was produced I thought he was going to kill me." Walker, aged 24, Marsh, 33, and Warley, 40, all pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery.

Warley from Victoria Road, Bradmore, Wolverhampton, was jailed for nine years; Marsh of Clay Lane, Langley, got eight years and nine months, while Walker, of Ocker Hill Road, Tipton, was sentenced to eight years and eight months.

## Damage

Wolverhampton Crown Court was told how a female cashier at Grosvenor Casino in Bentley Mill Way was hurled to the ground and covered in a ball as Marsh and Walker, armed with a sickle and knife, rampaged through her kiosk causing £1,000 damage while snatching more than £3,000 cash. She is now plagued by sleepless nights and flashbacks.

Marsh took part in the robbery just five days after being freed from a five-year prison sentence for carbon copy crimes.

Mr Nicholas Cartwright, prosecuting, also revealed that Walker appeared in court in the middle of the crime spree to receive a community punishment for an earlier offence of handling stolen number plates.

The gang, which used a stolen 180mph Audi RS5 on false plates as a getaway car, first struck at the One Stop Shop in Oxley Moor Road, Oxley, at 8.20am on September 21 last year. Judge James Burbidge QC told them: "You put the fear of violence into members of staff who were considerably traumatised."

## One Elle of a dress for vintage success



In 50s attire, Danielle Harris (known as Elle) from Willenhall who has won Miss Vintage Beauty UK 2015

A MUSTARD yellow fascinator, large green earrings and a flowery knee-length dress – the 1950s are back. Well, they were when Willenhall's Elle Harris wowed judges to be named Miss Vintage Beauty UK in a national competition.

The 27-year-old entered the beauty pageant because of her love of the vintage look. She had to wear a mini dress, pose as a 50s pin-up, march her way through a military round and, in the final round, wear a red dress. She said: "I'm over the

moon about it. I entered because of the vintage side of it, rather than the pageant side. I've always liked the style and the era. I get donations from people – old hats and dresses that belonged to people's moms."

The show, which took place on September 5, was organised by Birmingham homeless charity The Red Bag Co. and involved four different catwalk-style rounds.

She was given the title of Miss Vintage Beauty UK 2015, and will

act as ambassador for The Red Bag Co. over the next year.

Elle, of Stonehouse Avenue, wanted to be a model when she was in her teens, and was in the running to be Miss Willenhall and Miss Bloxwich. But life on the catwalk quickly lost its appeal, and she started training as a nurse.

She said: "I knew I'd never want to be on the catwalk – I just find walking up and down boring. I wanted to do something more creative."

# New nursery set to launch at premises

A NEW nursery catering for dozens of youngsters will launch in Walsall later this year. Work is now under way to breathe new life into an empty community room in Blakemore Road which will host the facility.

Walsall Housing Group has joined forces with Walsall Council and Castlefort Junior Mixed & Infant School in Walsall Wood to support the launch of Castle Tots Nursery.

The nursery will provide childcare for 32 two-year-olds. Part of the building will also be used by the housing group to host a variety of classes and events for the community, including training, health sessions and career advice.

Planning permission to transform the building has been granted, with work expected to take eight weeks.

It is hoped the new nursery will open its doors for the first time at the beginning of November.

As well as facilitating the lease of the community room, the housing group has also provided a cash injection of £4,500 from its local neighbourhood fund.

The funding will be used to purchase IT equipment and delivering training programmes for parents.

Headteacher Jo Wilson said: "This is a brand new venture for the school and we are very fortunate to receive the valuable funding which has made it possible."

For more information, or to register interest in a place, call 01543 452158.

# German choir will sing at hall

A GERMAN choir will be joining Walsall choristers for a concert on Friday October 2.

Walsall Harmonic Male Voice Choir will team up with their European counterparts, the Seckbach Choir, of Frankfurt, who are spending a week in the area. There will be a varied repertoire and will include music as diverse as Neil Sedaka, Charles Aznavour and Robbie Williams.

Press officer Tony Fowler said: "Together with Walsall's four-part harmonies, there is the prospect of a very interesting evening." The free-admission concert takes place at 7.30pm in Wednesbury Town Hall.

# Action sought on eyesore billboard

A COMMUNITY leader has called for immediate action to be taken against the owners of a giant 'eyesore' billboard in Darlaston.

Concerns over the double-billboard display in Pinfold Street have been raised by Councillor Doug James.

The hoarding features peeling and tattered posters, mainly for nightclub and music events, that have been illegally posted. Councillor James, who represents the town, said it had been a problem for several months.

He said he had been requesting action from Walsall Council's planning enforcement team for several weeks.

The council was unavailable for comment.

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# Inquiry due to be held on clean-up for estate

A PUBLIC inquiry will be held amid a long-running battle to see the clean-up of a contaminated housing estate in Willenhall, it has emerged.

Almost 90 homes on the site of a former gas works near Kemble Close, Oakridge Drive and Brookthorpe Drive in Willenhall were declared as affected following a three-year investigation.

Nobody as yet has accepted responsibility.

Walsall Council has served a remediation notice on Jim 2 Limited – the firm the authority claims is liable for the contamination – but the company lodged an appeal with the Planning Inspectorate.

The council said the firm had bought, demolished, cleared and prepared the former gasworks site for residential housing and in doing so had ‘caused or knowingly permitted the contamination on the site’.

It is anticipated the clean-up could cost as much as £7 million but the authority said the appeal process may take some considerable time.

But Councillor Louise Harrison, Walsall Council’s portfolio holder for clean and green services, has now revealed that the public inquiry will be held in December. In a report to full council, she said: “Work to remove contaminated material from the site of the former Willenhall gas works continues.”

Heavy metals, tars and a gas-manufacturing by-product known as Blue Billy were found in the soil at the former gasworks site.

# School meals call to parents

WALSALL Council is urging parents and carers to check their child’s entitlement to free school meals. More than 10,000 children in Walsall are currently registered for free meals.

The council and schools want to improve this take up further, despite a historical rise of 19 per cent in 2005 – to 26 per cent by 2014. The national average is 20 per cent. Councillor Chris Towle, learning skills and apprenticeships chief, said: “Whilst I’m delighted with the increased take up, we know there are still families on low income who have not applied.”

People qualify for free school meals if they or their partner are receiving benefits including income support, income based Jobseekers Allowance and Employment and Support Allowance.

# Elderly cyclist hurt in accident

A CYCLIST in his 80s was knocked off his bike in a crash and taken to Walsall Manor for further treatment. The rider suffered minor head injuries in the accident on Broadway North, Chuckyry.

# Growing dance school branches out



Some of the M3 Studio youngsters

A DANCE school is expanding to cater for a growing number of students.

M3 Studios is less than a year old but is already full at its Cannock and Penkridge studios with more than 130 students enrolled. Branches in Stafford, Rugeley, Brownhills and Burntwood are expected to follow and a number of open days have been planned to show prospective students what is on offer.

Run by Penkridge sisters Mia-Jay and Marni-Lee Clarson, M3 Studios teaches three-to-18-year-olds to act, sing and dance and offers direct con-

nection to the Professional Musical Theatre industry.

Mia-Jay and Marni-Lee starred in the CBBC reality series School for Stars when they were students at the Italia Conti performing arts school, in London and all M3 tutors are all West End performers.

The dance school’s debut show at the Prince of Wales Centre was an adaptation of the Wizard of Oz and its next show, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, will be staged at the Church Street venue in January. Summer schools and termly courses

are held. The school can also offer private Lamda courses and will soon be taking part in dance, singing and acting festivals.

Open days are taking place at Brownhills Memorial Hall, Lichfield Road, on September 27 and 29, at Burntwood Memorial Institute, Rugeley Road, on October 3 and 6, at Colton Village Hall, Bellamoor Way on September 30 and at Cannock Cricket & Hockey Club, Four Crosses Cannock on October 3. For details, call 07715 583721, email mia@m3studios.co.uk or visit www.m3studios.co.uk

# Tempers fray at heated meeting over hub plan

FIVE hundred residents, four hours and cries of ‘diabolical’ and ‘this could kill the village’ – this was the heated meeting into controversial plans to build a new £36 million distribution centre and HQ in Essington.

DX Freight – formerly Night-freight – wants to relocate its two Willenhall bases and 240 staff to a 43-acre site in Hobnook Road.

But Essington villagers are fiercely opposed to the plans and 500 of them packed into the council house for a fiery meeting with DX bosses on Thursday night. It was the second public meeting in as many weeks and came just a day after a large protest was held at the proposed site.

And the placards were out in force again for the latest meeting, boldly displaying the words ‘Essington says no to DX Freight super hub’.

Resident Richard Lee told the meeting and DX managers: “This is a small village and you are not welcome here.

## Children

“The arrival of this centre will be dangerous to the village. There are cars parked all the way down Hobnook Road trying to walk up to the schools to walk their children. I don’t think you understand the area at all. Back down, this is the wrong place for you.”

“There are plenty other areas where businesses like yourselves can go, I and a lot of people here don’t think this is it.”

A total of 600 feedback forms were printed prior to the start of the four-hour meeting and the vast majority were filled in with angry comments by the time the session finally came to a close.

Concerns include extra traffic and noise and the safety of pupils at nearby St John’s Primary School.

Susan Newell-Pedley said: “I’m a member of Essington Methodist Church and I feel these plans will completely ruin the church and the community spirit here. How will peo-



Protesters out in force to show their feelings over the proposed DX Freight distribution centre for Essington



People making their points of view known with forms

ple get to the other side of the village if these extra lorries are going to create more traffic in the village?” Susan’s father Alfred added: “These plans are diabolical. This could kill the village.”

However, DX Freight said its plans for a head office, distribution space and ancillary buildings will bring new life to an area that has not been used for decades. It also said the move would create 400 new jobs.

Chief strategy and marketing officer



Campaigner James Harper with one of the placards

Stuart Godman said: “These plans have been long in the making and have been carefully considered.”

“The reason why we have chosen this site is because it is big enough for us to accomplish everything we want to do on our land and with the jobs we want to provide.

“It’s quite clear how residents feel with the traffic issues and we will take those matters on board. We are grateful for the attendance of the residents

and will be taking on board every single piece of input received.”

If given the nod, the DX operations currently running at Willenhall’s Crestwood House in Birches Rise and Ashmore Lake Way would both move to Hobnook Road.

Essington Parish councillor David Clift, who organised the meeting, said he expected more meetings and protests to take place in the coming weeks.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Hundreds fight homes scheme

A CAMPAIGN is being stepped up to stop developers building more than 130 homes on greenbelt land in Great Wyrley.

Around 800 people have now joined two separate Facebook pages, opposing the proposed scheme.

The plans by KGL Holdings to build properties off Landywood Lane have been met with fury from some residents who successfully fought against similar plans that were pulled less than two years ago.

A public exhibition to showcase the plans which include allotments and a public park took place recently at Great Wyrley Community Centre.

MP Gavin Williamson has written to residents in the area saying he will fight the plans.

“I will do everything in my power to see any future proposals rejected and protect our greenbelt land,” he said.

### Rebellion over £1m health cuts

WALSALL councillors intend to object over Government plans to cut up to £1 million of health funding in the borough.

Councillor Rose Martin, chairman of Walsall’s Health and Wellbeing Board, says members are strongly against the reduction of public health funds from £15.8m to £14.8m.

It means Walsall will get the least amount of money compared to its neighbours.

They will now be seeking the support of the town’s three MPs to show their anger at the proposed cut.

### £4m is spent on improving roads

ALMOST 40 road improvements have been carried out in Walsall over the past year – at a cost of £4 million.

A total of 38 highway maintenance schemes have been completed by the council on routes in need of work around the borough.

In a report to the full council, deputy council leader Adrian Andrew said a total of 11.6k of carriageway had undergone improvements.

In the last five months there has been £605,000 spent on nine projects and £370,000 on footpath resurfacing across the town.

### Quiz night for air ambulance

A quiz night will be held in Walsall on October 7 for the Midlands Air Ambulance.

Walsall shipping container company Lion Containers is hosting the quiz at The Village Hotel from 7pm.

Entry is £10 per team of four players.

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## THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



THE big news this week, on the front pages and trumpeted by TV and radio, is that Facebook is to launch a "dislike" button. The small and rather neglected news is that North Korea has fired up its nuclear programme to make bigger and better hydrogen bombs. Interesting priorities.

HOW phobias work. Those of us with a yabba-dabba relationship with spiders will take no comfort at all in this week's news that a British firm has perfected the spider-proof garden shed. The idea is that no spider can get into the silicone-sealed garden hut. Or to put it another way, if a spider enters by the door which is then closed, it has no escape. It's just you and the spider, locked together, sealed together, mutually terrified. My own shed is well provided with chinks, gaps, knot-holes and other escape routes. At this time of year as I enter, there is a sudden scurry of small things exiting.

BEING a good citizen, I have just completed and returned what the NHS calls the Bowel Cancer Screening Kit and the rest of us call poo sticks. You'd think there would be a law against putting that sort of stuff in the post. In theory, millions of us over-60s are dutifully returning our samples. A friend said that until he did his DIY bowel-cancer test, he had no idea how many things he could balance on his knee at the same time.

I AM often wrong in my political forecasts but I would not write off Jeremy Corbyn too soon. While the Westminster elite have been guffawing at his unpolished speeches or tut-tutting at his refusal to sing the National Anthem, 30,000 new members have joined the Labour Party. The more the Fleet Street pack snap at his heels and the more that smart-arse TV pundits scoff at him, the more the Great British Public sees Corbyn as a bullied hero and suspect there is an Establishment plot against him.

AND tell me, how is an avowed republican like Corbyn supposed to sing the line: "Long to reign over us"? Sing and you're a hypocrite. Don't sing and you're a traitor.

THE total debt on this planet is now almost three times the planet's annual output. Every man, woman and child owes, on average, about £20,000. The sums are way beyond boggling. As one wag asked on the radio a few days ago: "Who are we borrowing from - Mars?"

THE lambs in the field down the road have been gambolling, grazing and getting steadily fatter over the past few months. Now a big sign appears in the field, informing us that from 4pm tomorrow the farmer will be selling whole or half lambs. One of the mercies of being a lamb is that you never learn to read.

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# Victoria's set for action at film academy

JUST a few years after secretly dropping her academic GCSE options in order to concentrate on music and drama, Victoria Tew is on the way to the most prestigious acting school in the world.

The 21-year-old will be travelling to America for a two year course at the New York Film Academy, which hosts talks for students by big names including Steven Spielberg, Al

Pacino and Ron Howard. Victoria, of Longwood Rise, Willenhall, said: "I still haven't got my head around it yet. This is a great opportunity."

The young actress started her budding career almost by accident. I took music and drama having never done it and without discussing it with my parents. We had to do a show as part of it, and I told them about it the night before. They saw

me and they've been so supportive of everything I've done since."

She studied Performance at Wolverhampton University, appearing in Rent, We Will Rock You and Blood Brothers. She has been accepted into the New York Film Academy's September 2016 course but must raise upwards of £40,000 to cover costs.

You can donate to Victoria via gofundme.com/theonepounddream



Victoria Tew, heading to the US

# Improving school's standards praised

By Lisa O'Brien

**ACHIEVEMENT is continuing to improve and teaching is 'highly effective' at a school in Walsall which was placed into special measures almost two years ago, a new report has revealed.**

Leamore Primary School, in Bloxwich Road, has had five monitoring inspections since being placed into special measures following an inspection in October 2013.

But a new report has revealed that inspectors now say the school is making "reasonable progress" towards coming out of special measures. It said children in nursery and reception classes were making good or outstanding progress.

The report said: "This is because teaching is highly effective. The proportion of children reaching the expected level of development by the end of the reception class has more than doubled since last year and is now above the national average."

## Interest

The report said that at the end of key stage two, results had also improved because additional teachers had worked with small groups of year six pupils. Inspector Rachel Howie also described how teaching had continued to improve and labelled it as "consistently good and often outstanding" in early years and key stage one.

She added: "Teaching is characterised by fun and interesting activities that capture the interest and imagination of the pupils. Resources are meticulously prepared and carefully organised."

Although teaching was said to be improving, inspectors said it remained less consistent in key stage two, not only between classes but also between different subject areas.

Behaviour in classrooms was described as well-managed, attitudes to learning were said to be positive and attendance had improved slowly, however remained below the national average.

## Not scared off for village festival



Festival organiser Angela Ball's daughter Claire greets some early visitors to Sheffield's scarecrow event

WHEN retired school secretary Angela Ball suggested a scarecrow festival to celebrate her church's 50th anniversary, the whole village united.

More than 30 scarecrows made by residents and businesses were donated for the festival, which included St Mark's Church, Sheffield, Walsall.

Mother-of-two Mrs Ball, aged 76, said: "I went to my first scarecrow festival five years ago and it inspired me to want to do one. It's five years I've been thinking about it and when the church wanted something special, I said we'd do it. It has been very rewarding. We had a lot of help setting up and we had a wonderful launch on Saturday afternoon. The church was full.

"I'm pleased with the response from local shops and

the community. We got everybody involved. Everybody has pulled together. It's been a great success."

Mrs Ball, who worked at Greenfield School until she retired, has been attending St Mark's since she was eight years old. The new church, constructed on the same site, was built 50 years ago. "I'm the longest serving member of the church," she said. "My whole family has worshipped there - my mother and father, my grandmother, my husband, Frank, and his family."

And although the festival finished on Sunday, Mrs Ball is already gathering ideas for the next one.

"I think it will be repeated. It needs a break, but it will be repeated. Everybody was saying we'll have to have another one."

# Extra trains on hand for world cup rugby fans

FANS going to Rugby World Cup matches will benefit from extra trains to help them get there, rail bosses have announced.

London Midland is running extra services on days there are games at Villa Park later this month. The rugby tournament runs across September and October.

Fans travelling to the games at Villa Park on September 26 and 27 are also being warned that Birmingham will be particularly busy as this will be the first weekend when the new Grand Central shopping centre will be open above New Street station.

The train company is also advising rail travellers that services will be busy on match day, adding that passengers should allow extra time to make their journeys.

Terry Oliver, London Midland's head of West Coast services, said: "Our message is it will be busy, there are other events going on as well, so plan ahead."

Fans travelling to Villa Park are advised to use Aston station. Extra services will also run for matches at Wembley and Milton Keynes.

For matches at StadiumMK there will be additional services to and from Milton Keynes Central and some trains will have extra carriages.

For matches at Wembley Stadium, additional stops will be put in to London Midland's services at Wembley Central. Rugby fans who want to plan their rail journey to these grounds are advised to visit [www.londonmidland.com](http://www.londonmidland.com).

## 80 more homes for school site

AN EXTRA 80 homes are being planned for a former school site in Beechdale under fresh regeneration plans.

Forty properties have already been built on the former Beechdale School site as part of a £5 million flagship development by Accord Group.

The old school was demolished in Remington Road in 2007 and the carbon timber framed homes to reduce energy and running costs for residents. The new Innovation Way development was officially launched by Accord recently and a phase two for 80 more properties is now being put forward.

Councillor Lee Jeavons backed work to transform the site. He said: "Innovation Way is absolutely the right name for this development."

## 30 tyres go up in smoke on wasteland

THIRTY tyres caught fire on wasteland in Walsall and the smoke could be seen a mile away. Firefighters were called out to Bull Lane, in Moxley, at around 3.30pm last Monday. It took around 20 minutes to bring the fire under control.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Fun day and top food at church

FACE-PAINTING, burgers and creative flower displays will be all part of the attractions at a fun day in Walsall.

Bouncy castle and a barbecue will be in the grounds at the Mend-It project based at the town's Green Lane Baptist Church on Saturday.

The event is being held in partnership with NCS The Challenge, a government-backed citizenship scheme, set up to help teenagers hone their work skills by helping groups to run activities. Admission is free, but there will be a small charge for food and some activities at the event that will run from 11am to 3pm.

It coincides with harvest celebrations and feature floral displays based on the theme of creation of the earth. On Sunday harvest service guest speaker is Roger Wilcox at 10.30am at the site in Burrowes Street, Birchills.

Emergency op for footballer

A FOOTBALLER from the Black Country has undergone emergency surgery after getting injured during a game.

Tamworth FC player Lee Smith, from Walsall, was stretched off and put in intensive care after having to have his spleen removed.

The injury happened in the 2-0 win at Gainsborough Trinity in the National League North last Tuesday. He was taken to Lincoln County Hospital.

Walsall-born Smith, signed this summer from Romulus, was sent on as a substitute in the 70th minute.

Bus interchange plans for town

A NEW bus interchange will be built in Burntwood as part of a package of transport improvements in the area, under new plans.

Lichfield District Council has pledged to improve access to buses, increase the frequency of services and renovate public spaces in the town centre with Sankey's Corner identified as a key area for improvement.

The plans are part of a Burntwood Local Transport Package which the council has included in an updated version of its long-term development strategy.

Town playing fields go up in smoke

FIREFIGHTERS tackled a severe grass blaze on playing fields in Bloxwich. Homeowners were warned to keep their windows closed as crews dealt with the fire off Vernon Way at around midday on Sunday.

The blaze involved grass cuttings and an area of land measuring around 131ft by 164ft.

Crew commander Richard Elliot, from Fallings Park fire station, said: "It was a field which had recently been cut. We suspect it was started deliberately."

Jail on hold for speeding motorist in deception bid

A DRIVER caught speeding on the Black Country New Road tried to avoid a fine by framing an innocent woman, a court heard.

Assif Hussain, of Gladstone Street, Birchills was clocked driving at 51mph in a 40-zone on July 27 last year. But, rather than accept the fine and points, he completed paperwork suggesting a woman from Northampton was behind the wheel of his VW Golf at the time.

It is believed he came across the woman's details after she lost her handbag – including her purse and driver's licence – at a Northampton petrol station back in 2010. The 35-year-old woman was stunned to receive confirmation from the DVLA in February that she had been convicted in her absence at court, fined £200 and been handed three points.

Officers from the Camera Enforcement Unit interviewed Hussain under caution and, though admitting it was his car, caught on camera, denied being the driver. However, when the documents were sent away for analysis they returned a forensic 'hit' against the 33-year-old.

And at Wolverhampton Crown Court last Wednesday he was given a five-month prison sentence suspended for 18 months, fined £600 and ordered to pay the innocent woman £250 in compensation having admitted attempting to pervert the course of justice. Pc Steve Jevons said: "Anyone who lies to police, and maintains that deception, runs the very real risk of being jailed."

Run-up to J10 rebuild starts

WORK to assess land needed to push ahead with £64m plans to rebuild the M6 junction 10 island and improve surrounding routes has started.

The bridges over the junction in Walsall are being earmarked to go from two to four lanes in a bid to ease congestion.

The M6 slip roads will be widened along with improvements to the Wolverhampton Road and Bloxwich Lane junction. There will also be some modification work to the Black Country Route.

In an update report, regeneration chief Councillor Adrian Andrew, said: "A major improvement to Junction 10 of the M6 is being developed in conjunction with Department for Transport and Highways England."

New ale house will bring jobs to town

A new ale house will create jobs in Aldridge, after getting the go-ahead by council planners.

The pub will open in Croft Parade, High Street after the green light from Walsall Council.

Payout for family of bus driver who died



Bus driver, Andrew Raybould, aged 30

THE family of a 30-year-old Walsall man who 'died in agony' after medics failed to diagnose his conditions three times have received an out-of-court settlement.

Bus driver Andrew Raybould died after suffering from severe pancreatitis, sepsis and multi-organ failure at Walsall Manor Hospital in February 2012. His parents Geoff and Maureen from Aldridge said he had been discharged from the hospital three times previously without a diagnosis.

Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust accepted he should not have been discharged in January and lessons have been learned.

Medical negligence experts Irwin Mitchell represented the family and secured an undisclosed out-of-court settlement. Mr Raybould first began suffering symptoms of abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting and constipation at the end of December 2011.

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pain. After being admitted to Walsall Manor again, he was eventually diagnosed with acute pancreatitis, acute renal failure and sepsis.

Mr Raybould was admitted to the intensive care unit on January 29, but he was too ill to undergo surgery and his major organs began shutting down. He died on February 2.

His mother Maureen, aged 59, from Aldridge, said: "This has been a devastating and traumatic time for us, but not as devastating as it was for Andrew, who was 21 weeks away from getting married."

Answers demanded as crime is on the up

THE number of crimes being committed in a Black Country town has risen, with house burglaries seeing the biggest jump.

There were 1,013 crimes committed in Walsall North between April and June compared to 955 in the same period last year – an increase of more than six per cent.

The biggest increase was house burglaries, which saw more than 50 incidents reported compared to 36 in 2014 – a significant increase of more than 44 per cent.

Another big increase came in public place violence – any violent crimes committed in public – which soared by more than 25 per cent between the two time periods.

Hate crime also showed a minor increase of 25 per cent despite only 20 incidents reported.

Business crime in Walsall North also shot up 10 per cent with more than 200 cases being reported between April and June.

Answers

There was also a minor increase of two per cent in domestic violence crimes.

North Walsall Councillor Christopher Jones, who represents the Birchills Leamore ward, said it was time police delivered answers for why the rise was occurring.

"These increases in the report are quite alarming and the public deserve to know answers," he said. "I cannot say I'm surprised by the figures but any increase has to be treated with serious concern."

"There is a Police and Crime Commissioner meeting for North Walsall on Thursday and I will be wanting to know what is being done to stop these increases from happening."

Earlier this year the Express & Star reported more than 4,000 businesses in Walsall fell victim to crime in just 12 months.

Thousands of litres of diesel, metal and cables were stolen as up to a dozen businesses were targeted inside two months.

The crime spree centred around Leamore Close, Fryers Road and Leamore Lane between July and the start of September last year.

Police were forced to step up patrols at night when premises were targeted, with firms in Newfield Close, Willenhall Lane and Reaymer Close also being hit.

The crime figures cover the areas of Bloxwich, Birchills, Leamore and Blakenall.

Lucie whips up charity cash



Making cakes in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, is Lucie Mae Brittle, aged eight, of Willenhall

A YOUNG baker showed off her skills in the kitchen and raised money for a good cause as she whipped up some tasty cakes.

Lucie-Mae Brittle, aged eight, will be at school when Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning is marked on September 25.

But not wanting to miss out, the youngster set about making cakes by herself to sell at her mother's shop in Willenhall.

The cake sale raised £150 for

the charity. Mother Claire, aged 40, who runs Lucie-Mae's Baby and Children's Wear in Market Place in Willenhall, said: "She baked them all herself and doesn't have any help."

She brought them in and put them on a table in our shop which was named after her."

Lucie-Mae cooked a Victoria sponge, chocolate cornflake cakes and fairy cakes. Some of the cakes even came complete with special Mac-

millan Cancer icing. And not content with selling them from the shop, the pupil at Villiers Primary School in Bilston even went door-to-door to offer them to neighbouring businesses.

"She has always baked from the age of four with my help and in the last 12 months she has just been doing it by herself," Mrs Brittle, who is married to Lee, 41, who runs Data Innovations in Oldbury, said.

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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



# A cultured approach to living a proper life

ARE you cultured? I've always liked to believe I am. I've got the full box-set of The Sweeney on DVD, I always insist on Tesco Classic coffee, and would never dream of asking for lager in a pub. In other words, I'm a discerning man about town who appreciates the finer things in life. Well, Black Country life, anyway.

A new survey reveals a list of 40 things which determine how cultured we are, and for many people it will make mixed reading.

For instance I do have a library card, which is one of the attributes. I read a newspaper every day – well several actually – and don't turn the news off when it comes on television. So far, so good then. But then it gets more difficult. For example, you're probably unlikely to find me in an art gallery – I don't know much about art, but I do know what I like. And it sure isn't the kind of guff you'll get in the Tate Modern.

Watching subtitled films is supposed to be another sign of being a well-rounded individual, but surely if you're that smart you'll be fluent in a different language anyway, and the subtitles will be superfluous. Unless you're watching Taggart, of course. Knowing about different cuts of meat is also cited, and I can tell the difference between KVE Original and pork crunch.

The survey also suggested that a truly cultured person would always want to read a book before watching the film adaptation. I totally agree, but I've never been able to track down the novel to Muttiny On The Buses.

■ ■ ■ ■ The Queen's record-breaking reign has brought the usual dreary protests out from the drab republicans, moaning that there is nothing democratic about an hereditary monarchy. But I suspect if there were a referendum tomorrow, more people would vote for keeping the Queen than replacing her with a boring middle-aged man in a suit.

And if that happened, would those committed democrats respect the will of the people that voted in the referendum? Of course they would. Just like the Scottish Nationalists did.

■ ■ ■ ■ THE end I.S. nigh, screamed the headline. "The defeat of Islamic State is inevitable after nearly half its fighters were wiped out." Some days I really wish I could believe everything I read in The Sun.

■ ■ ■ ■ The English Bridge Union is now trying to get sitting around playing cards as a sport. And quite right too. Let's just make sure they include pontoon and rummy. And snap, of course. Then I can say I'm not only cultured, but also a sportsman. I never knew my life was so complete.



Tony's engineering expertise helps with each guitar's creation



Accomplished player Sam tunes up one of the latest instruments



Some of the amazing range of instruments made by the Wrights

# Strum-thing special for a father and son

**SIMON PENFOLD** meets a family duo who are hoping to make it in the music world with their carefully crafted guitars

**IT has been a long, tough and sometimes heartbreaking journey, but engineer Tony Wright says he is now 'living the dream' – working alongside his youngest son, crafting hand-made guitars in a small workshop in Wolverhampton.**

Like most teenagers, Tony picked up a guitar. But unlike most he kept on playing and eventually learned electric bass.

Now, 43 years on, he and son Sam are launching their own business, Lakestone Guitars, and rapidly building a strong reputation for the quality of their work and the beautiful tone produced by their guitars.

Father and son say they have been supported by their strong Christian faith and by their love for their craft as luthiers – a term dating back to the original lute makers of the 15th and 16th centuries. Their current profession is a million miles from where Tony started, training as an apprentice fitter with Robinson Brothers in West Bromwich in 1972.

## Redesigning

His engineering career went from strength to strength. Working for an engineering consultancy in Wolverhampton he found himself redesigning the machine at the Cadbury factory at Bournville that makes the Curly Wurly.

"That was in 1982, and as far as I know it's still working today," said Tony, who lives in Gornal.

After completing a two-year degree course at the former Wolverhampton Polytechnic, Tony switched to working in education, and was rapidly head-hunted as design lecturer at Dudley College and then appointed as head of department. Meanwhile, he had taught himself to make electric guitars. "I had been asked to play with a group of musicians who were professionals or semi-pro, and I decided I needed something better than my old Squire bass. I bought one in Birmingham but didn't like the tone, and when I took it back I saw



Sam Wright, aged 25, and his father Tony, 59, are making guitars together in Wolverhampton

one hanging on the shop wall that used to be owned by Mark King, from Level 42. It sounded fantastic, but I looked at the price and it was £3,500 – a lot of money in the 1980s. So it went back on the wall.

"I thought, I'm a design engineer. I can learn how to make one. I did it in my spare time, lunch hours in the college workshop."

But in 1989 Tony suffered a massive heart attack. He tried to return to work but the stress was too great and he had to take early retirement. He carried on with the guitar making and repairs in his garden shed, and also worked part-time as a pastor at his church. His guitars, meanwhile, were building a small but appreciative audience among skilled players.

Then, eight years ago, his wife of 30 years died from cancer. "Our faith helped get us through, but I just didn't want to make guitars any more," said Tony. Sam, the youngest son and a talented musician in his own right, was also struggling. "There were days he just didn't want to get out of bed," said Tony. "He had made his first guitar at 13 or 14, so I said

let's go and make guitars. I started making acoustics because it was something new for me, we could learn together."

Learning to make acoustic guitars well can take decades, but the Wrights had a stroke of luck. Tony had invented a device called a universal fret slotter that could accurately fit the frets on guitar necks to within one 4,000th of an inch. They have been sold globally and led to a call from world-renowned guitar maker George Lowden. Working on a series of projects at Lowden's factory in Northern Ireland resulted in a masterclass for Tony in the skills and intricacies of making acoustic guitars.

He's passed these skills on to Sam and to his musician friend Dan Clark, who offered the duo his garage in Wolverhampton as their workshop as the business outgrew the shed in Gornal. After months of work, which included turning the garage into a temperature and humidity-controlled environment, father and son are launching Lakestone Guitars – hoping to make at least two guitars a month. Currently, each guitar is the result of around 200 hours of work, although they are hoping to bring

that down in their new workshop. Each one is handmade for the client, usually from rosewood but also from walnut, mahogany, spruce, cedar and rarer timbers such as lacewood, all from plane trees, or even Adirondack spruce. "That can cost £200 just for enough to make the face of the guitar's body, but it produces a lovely tone," Tony adds.

A dense African hardwood called wenge is sometimes used for fretboards, but the Wrights are sticklers for ebony on acoustic guitar fretboards. The use of different woods is crucial in the distinct sound each guitar will produce, with bodies made of cedar, for example, producing a warmer sound.

Even on electric guitars, the wood makes a big difference. Maple, used for Fender-style guitars, will produce a brasher sound, while the mahogany used for a Gibson style instrument will offer a warmer tone.

## Thinner

Alongside a craftsman's knowledge of his materials, Tony brings 21st century engineering nous. He likes making guitars with thinner necks and has come up with a way of using carbon fibre to strengthen them. He is also making guitars with a distinctive fan fret, like his mentor George Lowden. It improves the sound and is easier to play. The company name, Lakestone, comes from the old stone quarry near Tony's original shed in Gornal.

Depending on the woods used, a Lakestone Guitar will be priced at around £2,500. Tony said: "The business hasn't made a penny yet but I hope it will provide a living for Sam and I, particularly for Sam. I am 59, so I'll have my pension soon, but Sam is only 25. I want this to be a long-running business."

Alongside a business they love, father and son have also had some much-deserved happiness in their home lives.

Sam has married – with his pastor father conducting the service – and Tony too has remarried, bringing home a Canadian bride Lonnie after meeting online – "She says she got me cheap on eBay," he jokes.

"She comes from British Columbia, and after we were married her sister came across a batch of rare woods being sold, bought them and sent them to me. What a great sister-in-law is that! I couldn't believe it when I opened the parcel. It was stuff you just can't get over here." For details visit [www.lakestoneguitars.co.uk](http://www.lakestoneguitars.co.uk)

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## No surprise over travellers concern

I AM not surprised the people of Darlaston are up in arms about proposed travellers' sites for the old multi-purpose centre site. We were unfortunate to be plagued by these travellers twice this summer.

Packs of feral dogs barking all hours of the day and night, rusty clapped out old vehicles parked only yards from people's property – they were even seen stealing from local stores. And when they were finally evicted, the filth and mess they left behind was unbelievable. The problem is, that these so-called travellers think that

they are above the law and because people fear reprisals they get away with it.

Planners have no right to even consider building these camps near to people's property and in town centre. Who on earth proposed this? How would they react if these sites were going to be built near to their homes? I sincerely hope the residents of Darlaston are successful in stopping this as it will be hell on earth for them and the ruination of their town.

**G SADDLER (MR)**  
Sheffield, Walsall

## Journalist was just doing job

SHORN of gratuitous insults, C Bates (letter 11 September) asks what sort of person took the photograph of the drowned boy, Syrian refugee Alan Kurdi (initially named as 'Aylan').

The answer is: a competent news photographer doing her job, as would, I hope, a photographer from the Express & Star in similar circumstances.

Nilüfer Demir did what thousands of her colleagues have done from the American Civil War onwards: she recorded a disturbing image. She could have added no expertise to that of the police and other rescuers at the scene.

A photographer in close proximity to armed men, especially soldiers or policemen with good cause to be nervous about terrorism is already in danger; to interfere with their work adds to the risk.

Instead of negative comments, Ms Demir deserves praise as an excellent photojournalist, not insults.

**A T HARRISON**

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## Youngsters are left without basic skills

WITH three-quarters of Walsall's primary schools not reaching Ofsted's standards – now being the worst in the Black Country – the situation also means that many children are leaving primary school unable to gain any benefit from moving into other schools.

They are left without the basic communication skills of reading, writing and mathematics, and the ability to take on board their lessons – it is a sheer waste.

Obviously children from illiterate families will be further handicapped. It has to be clear that special measures, with special teachers capable of dealing with this situation, are needed. Just dealing with disruptive pupils, even one in a class, is

difficult. Those in authority at present clearly are unable to manage this situation.

It has to be either through their incompetence, or lack of the political will to seek out teaching staff with the necessary capability.

The need is for staff which can maintain discipline, and raise the self-confidence level within the children for the desire to achieve in learning and be enjoyed.

Until Walsall can make these changes, the downward spiral of poor education, lack of intellect, poor economics, only low paid work available, low expectations for many – will continue.

**RAY HAMMOND**  
Alexandra Way  
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## No turning clock back

LOCAL media have reported that the West Midlands Combined Authority is in the hands of Mr Osborne following the submission of the shadow WMCA bid to set up the authority.

At the core of the move to devolve powers from Whitehall lies a dilemma that must be fully debated. The WMCA will devolve powers from Whitehall with the focus rightly being on promoting both city and regional economic advantage.

This at the same time as Government imposes draconian cuts to local government services. By 2015 local councils may barely be able to maintain services they are legally obliged to deliver. Yes, combined authorities may have access to £60bn of devolved powers but, councils may not have the funds to look after our elderly or improve litter collection.

**CLLR DOUG JAMES**  
Walsall

## Questions on tragic picture

ALL day on Facebook I have been seeing that picture of little Aylan Kurdi – not the one of the Turkish policeman carrying him, the one of him lying dead in the sea. 1. Who in their right mind would take that picture, and deny him any dignity in death?

2. Who in God's name would see a child lying in the sea, and before they did anything else take a picture?

3. What kind of sick animal would not at the very least pull the child out of the water and at least try to determine if there were signs of life?

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# Fly-tippers will cost taxpayers £100,000

THE clean-up bill for fly-tipping in Staffordshire is likely to be £100,000 by the end of the year after a recent spate in one town.

Council bosses say this year has been particularly bad.

Rubbish has been dumped illegally in and around Burntwood in the past few weeks.

The latest incident included a large pile of waste dumped in Dark Lane on September 11 which blocked the whole road.

The discarded items included a red armchair and two-seater sofa, a cream armchair, pieces of wood and bags of rubbish.

Burntwood had two further incidents on August Bank Holiday when large conifer cuttings were dumped in Little Pipe Lane and Coulter Lane.

## Incidents

In total, environmental officers from Lichfield District Council have had to attend nine different incidents of fly-tipping in the area in the past few months.

District council spokeswoman Esther Epstein said: "On average it costs £70,000 to £100,000 a year to deal with fly-tipping, with £100,000 being a particularly bad year.

"It hasn't been that much in a few years but that's what it is looking like costing this year the way things are going at the moment.

"I can't remember it being this bad, the amount of dumping we have had recently is pretty mega.

"But it could just be one or two rogue traders."

The other incidents in August included rubbish dumped in Coppice Lane at Muckley Corner which meant the road had to close.

There were further incidents in Lichfield.



Rubbish blocked the road in Dark Lane



A view showing difficulties for traffic

Councillor Iain Eadie, cabinet member for waste services on the district council, said: "Fly-tipping is a criminal offence.

"When people do it they are not just blocking the roads and causing a danger, they are running up a big bill.

"It can cost up to £100,000 of council taxpayers' money to clear away local fly-tipping each year, which is money that we could be spending on other local services.

"We are very keen to catch and prosecute the culprits.

"It only takes one or two rogue traders to create a huge problem.

"If you recognise any of the rubbish from the photos, or may have seen it being dumped, please contact us so we can prosecute those who are doing it.

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## Laura lights up for walk countdown



Laura Heathfield, events manager at Acorns, seen with the giant lantern made for the charity event

A GIANT lantern has been made in preparation of a charity event being held in Walsall this year.

It was dropped off at Acorns Children's Hospice ready for the return of a fundraising walk. Children at Acorns in the Black Country decorated the lantern at an arts and crafts session. It will be given pride-of-place at the Acorns Lantern Walk at Walsall Arboretum on November 28.

The event will see hundreds of walkers set off on a sponsored walk to raise money for the children, young people and their families cared for by the charity.

Participants carrying a glowing lantern will turn the Arboretum into a sea of orange as they take part in a family fun day of music and entertainment before the walk. There which will be a choice of either a 5km or 12k stroll.

Registration for the event costs £10 for individuals, £30 for a family of four and £40 for a family of five. Walkers will receive a free Lantern Walk T-shirt, battery operated lantern and a medal as part of the registration fee.

To sign up visit [www.acorns.org.uk/shinetogether](http://www.acorns.org.uk/shinetogether), contact events@acorns.org.uk or call 01564 825037.

## Furniture re-use bid for bulky rubbish

PEOPLE will be able to donate unwanted bulky goods, with a service on offer where it is collected from their homes, as part of a recycling project to reduce landfill in Walsall.

Families will have the option of handing over larger items such as a sofa or bed to a furniture re-use shop in the town centre when requesting a collection by Walsall Council.

By Craig Hughes

Already Loved Furniture will recycle and sell them on to people on a budget from their Park Place store. Previously the unwanted items would've gone straight to landfill.

It comes as the borough has also been hit by a rise in fly-tipping with the council looking at moves to reduce the amount of dumped rubbish. It is also looking at the possibility of re-opening tips up to seven days a week.

This new partnership between the council and Already Loved Furniture (ALF), which is part of the Accord Group, has been launched this week.

Stephen Sharman, transformation manager at Caldmoreaccord, said: "We are delighted to sign this partnership with Walsall Council.

"Being able to reduce the landfill and be environmen-

tally conscious is so important these days so we hope more Walsall people support this partnership and offer us their unwanted furniture for recycling."

Councillor Louise Harrison, portfolio holder for Clean and Green, added: "I am delighted that this collaboration between our Recycling Centre at Fryers Road and ALF not only reduces landfill in the borough, but offers a viable re-use alternative to households too."

ALF welcomes donations of furniture and volunteers for the shop. For more information call 0121 568 3923 or email [alf@alreadylovedfurniture.co.uk](mailto:alf@alreadylovedfurniture.co.uk).

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# £500,000 pedestrian proposals for centre

A BUSY part of Walsall town centre could be pedestrianised in a bid to improve the area, under new £500,000 plans.

A section of Wolverhampton Street is being lined up for work to make it easier and safer for people out shopping in the heart of the town.

Walsall Council is considering the action to better connect the main Park Street with the Crown Wharf Shopping Centre and Walsall Waterfront.

However, it would mean traffic being diverted from Wolverhampton Street onto the main Ring Road, which can get busy at peak periods.

Deputy council leader Adrian Andrew said: "It is really in some ways to extend Park Street. It would make it easier for people to walk around the town centre."

"It would improve the flow of people between the sites. Sometimes the traffic is quite heavy."

The pedestrianisation zone would be near to the New Art Gallery, between the mini roundabout and Green Lane, which can get congested.

Such a scheme would not impact on traffic going to

by Craig Hughes

the Crown Wharf, off the main Wolverhampton Road and onto Wolverhampton Street.

Traffic would also still be able to get onto St Paul's Street, by Tesco's leading towards Hatherton Road, from Stafford Street.

The scheme has been highlighted in a Town Centre Action Plan drawn up by the council to consider improvement works in the future.

It would make it safer for shoppers in the town centre to get between sites and encourage more people into the town.

It comes as investment is being ploughed into that end of the town. The pedestrianisation scheme is still subject to funding and the council agreeing to it.

## Caravan destroyed in arson attack



Fire crews attend the caravan fire at Goscote Road, where a quick response prevented the fire spreading to a garage

A CARAVAN in Walsall was completely destroyed by fire in a suspected arson attack. The incident happened last Thursday morning when firefighters were alerted to the blaze on Goscote Road at around 9am.

Two crews, one from Bloxwich and one from Aldridge, tackled the flames using one hose reel jet.

The fire was put out within 30 minutes but it had ripped through and decimated the caravan by then. Bloxwich Fire released a photo on their Twitter feed of the destruction which showed that flames had burnt holes through the side of the caravan and destroyed the roof while the remaining panels and beams were completely charred.

Further damage was caused to nearby trees and fence panels and firefighters said it was only their speedy response which prevented flames spreading to a garage at the home where the caravan was located.

West Midlands Fire Service spokesman Matthew Smith said: "We got a 999 call at 9.04am to Goscote Road in Pelsall, Walsall. A crew from Bloxwich and Aldridge attended. The caravan was destroyed by fire."

West Midlands Police confirmed they have launched their own investigation into the incident after they were called by the fire brigade. An appeal has been issued for anyone with information on the fire to contact the force on 101. The fire is logged as incident 563 of September 17.

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# Family's joy as miracle baby Chloe comes of age

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But miracle baby Chloe Jones battled on, growing stronger by the day and has just celebrated her 18th birthday.

There were celebrations a-plenty when the bubbly youngster marked the start of adulthood with her loved ones.

When she was born, Chloe, who is from Darlaston, tipped the scales at only a fraction over one pound at Walsall Manor Hospital the day she was born on September 11, 1997.

At the time little Chloe was believed to be the smallest baby that had ever been born at the town's maternity unit.

Her parents Michelle and Tyrone were told by doctors it would be touch and go whether she survived.

She was so frail she was christened in hospital about a week after she was born.

## Epilepsy

But after 19 weeks of specialist care, Chloe was allowed home, weighing 6lbs.

Eighteen years on Chloe, who suffers from epilepsy and is partially sighted, is now enjoying the start of adult life.

Her grandmother Cynthia Evans, aged 73, who attended her party, said: "We are so proud of the way Chloe has grown up."

"I can't believe it's been 18 years, it's gone so fast."

"I remember when she was born and it was very much touch and go whether she would stay alive, she was that frail."

"The hospital staff were marvellous for her and did everything to protect her."

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Chloe seen with 18th birthday cards



Chloe's parents wedding in 2000



With Martin Clunes, near Burntwood



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Taking part in Fright Night, is the chairman of Walsall Poetry Society Bryan Griffin, of Pelsall, at The Wheatsheaf. THERE were spooky stories, horrifying humour and bloody ballads aplenty at a poetic fright night in a Walsall pub.

The Wheatsheaf on Birmingham Road hosted the event, which saw poets from across the West Midlands share their best horror-themed odes.

Chairman of Walsall Poetry Society and retired security consultant Bryan Griffin, 63, said it was a great night.

"Everybody that came enjoyed it," he added. "We're thinking of doing a big Halloween event and this was a good rehearsal to check whether people have dark poetry that's fun at the same time."

"Poetry is not the most popular thing in the West Midlands, but we're trying to get the word out that it can be fun."

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# Dramatic reduction of jobless for town

**WALSALL has seen a dramatic fall in unemployment over the past 12 months, new figures show. And the borough is set for a fresh jobs surge in the coming weeks.**

The number of people in Walsall claiming benefit such as Jobseeker's Allowance has fallen by a quarter, 1,974 to 4,444 - despite a rise of 17 in August.

And more jobs are on the way as Royal Mail and a string of big name stores are due to start recruiting staff for Christmas.

Council leader Mike Bird said he believed a lot of employment will have been in retail but there has also been apprentices taken onto permanent jobs in manufacturing. "It shows the recovery in Walsall," he said.

### Encouraged

"There is a feel-good factor but there is a lot of work still to be done. We have got to match the skills gap coming out of school. I am encouraged and I am surprised it has fallen that much."

He added it was a big boost to everyone the more people who are in work.

"If there is more people in employment, there is disposable income for people to spend in the local shops," he added. It comes as the

Government has hailed dramatic falls in unemployment across the West Midlands as the region bucked the national trend.

While UK unemployment rose 10,000 to 1.82 million between May and July, because of jobless hikes in London, the South East and the North East, in the West Midlands it fell to 156,000, down 21,000 on the previous three months.

Over the last year it is down by 44,000 - a drop of more than a fifth.

David Jenkins, a Job-Centre leader in the Black Country, said: "Things are going well but we are not resting on our laurels. We are currently seeing a lot of firms recruiting to fill Christmas vacancies, such as Royal Mail, Next, Toys 'R' Us, Asda and Argos."

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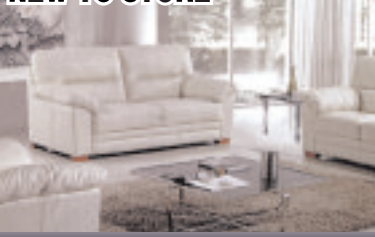


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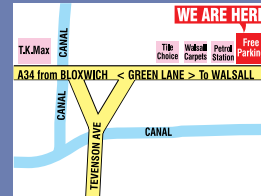
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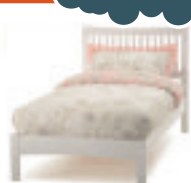
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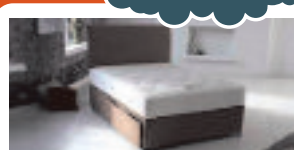
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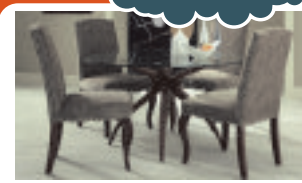
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# Staff clearly clubbing together for cause



Golfers line up for the charity event from PVCu Direct, with members of staff in their rather jazzy attire

A WINDOWS and conservatories firm in Walsall got into the swing of charity fundraising with more than £5,000 donated to Walsall Breast Cancer Care after their latest golf day.

PVCu Direct, which is based in High Street in the town, hosted its eighth annual charity golf day on August 28, at

Bloxwich Golf Club, with 160 people taking part. Throughout the day there was a putting competition, hole sponsors, raffle and an auction to raise funds.

A total of £5200 was raised, taking the firm's grand total over the last eight years to £44,200. The winning team was Wayne Edwards with 88 points.

# Review on travellers is in pipeline

A REVIEW of dealing with travellers in trouble-hit Walsall is being launched by council chiefs.

Illegal settlements have been set up across Walsall since spring with some sites being targeted on more than one occasion. It has cost the cash-strapped council more than £15,000 to clean up and deal with camps so far this year.

One option put forward by councillor Pete Smith has been the potential of laying out large bins for travellers to use after moving onto a site.

In a report to the council, Councillor Louise Harrison said: "There has been a significant increase in unauthorised encampments this year and, in conjunction with the deputy leader, I will be reviewing our current arrangements with the aim of better managing this demand in future years."

Locations where camps have set up have included Goscote Lodge Crescent, Delves Common and Broadway West Playing Fields.

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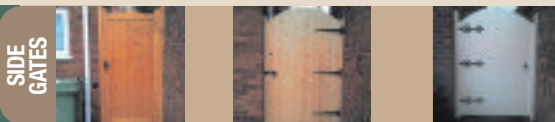


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Mandy Deakin, of the social committee together with a group of Rosedene Rescue Centre volunteers and Rio the Staffie

TAILS are wagging at an animal rescue centre thanks to a donation from the operators of the M6 Toll.

Midland Expressway Limited has handed over £500 which will help towards vet bills for four legged friends at Rosedene Animal Rescue Centre in Walsall. The donation is part of the Drive for Charity initiative and staff also collected food and toy supplies.

Mandy Deakin from Burntwood, works for Midland Expressway Limited and championed the project.

She said: "I discovered Rosedene online where I read how a lot of Staffordshire bull terriers were being

'overlooked' and some even spending most of their lives in the centre.

"As a Staffie owner myself, this upset me a great deal as I could not think of a more gentle, loyal dog so I approached our social committee for funding. What stood out for me the most is they will rescue a dog from a pound and literally save their lives."

The rescue centre currently has more than 30 dogs in its care and is a not for profit organisation, relying solely on public donations.

Volunteers help with daily cleaning duties, walking the dogs and organising fundraising events, to help pay for

the growing vets bills. Kelly Hadley, manager at the rescue centre, added: "We are extremely grateful to the M6 Toll for the donations and funds towards our vet bill."

The M6 Toll social committee is working with members of staff to choose community projects close to their hearts, which will benefit from a donation from the remaining monies in the Drive for Charity fund.

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# Watson role filled if Hollywood calls



**DANIEL WAINWRIGHT**  
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**FOR** years the European Union was the millstone around the Tories' necks. Last week it turned into Labour's.

Within hours of Jeremy Corbyn becoming the party's leader and by a landslide majority, Wolverhampton North East MP Emma Reynolds joined an exodus of front benchers.

Chief among her concerns was that Mr Corbyn had been highly critical of the EU and might not only fail to campaign to stay in, he might even have wanted to join the side of 'out'.

She was not alone. Former shadow business secretary Chuka Umunna said: "It is my view that we should support the UK remaining a member of the EU, notwithstanding the outcome of any renegotiation by the Prime Minister, and I cannot envisage any circumstances where I would be campaigning alongside those who would argue for us to leave - Jeremy has made it clear to me that he does wholeheartedly share this view."

Five days passed and another Wolverhampton MP, the south east's Pat McFadden, still did not know his future. As shadow Europe minister his role, while not in the shadow cabinet, was surely essential.

But it was Thursday night before he was given the news he wanted to hear - Jeremy Corbyn would campaign to stay in the EU. The crucial reassurance for pro-Europe Mr McFadden was that it was not just a passive promise not to campaign to leave,



Deputy Labour leader Tom Watson

but an active one to fight to stay in. If Mr Corbyn could give such assurances to Mr McFadden, then why not to Mr Umunna?

He had said on Wednesday night that Labour's policy on Europe was 'developing'. By Thursday it was well and truly formed.

With the party now trying to pull itself back together as the dust settles after a long and drawn out leadership contest, the last thing it wants is its own equivalent of the Maastricht rebellion that split the Tories.

After all, it's not as though the Parliamentary Labour Party are short of things to disagree with Jeremy Corbyn on. Some are less than happy with his own record of supporting Labour. He has rebelled against his own party 533 times in his 32 years.

That means he has voted against



Shaun of the Dead star Nick Frost

Labour more times than David Cameron, who has been in the Commons since 2001. One Labour MP said: "Jeremy Corbyn never paid very much attention to previous leaders' whips so I don't think I'll be too bothered about his." Then the MP saw the positive side and added: "Which means I might get home a bit earlier."

If Hollywood is ever looking to make a movie about the current British Labour party - no, I don't think it's likely either - they will be looking to cast someone as West Bromwich MP and new deputy leader Tom Watson. They need look no further than Nick Frost, star of films such as Shaun of the Dead. The pair are almost dead ringers for each other, so much so Frost tweeted: "I want to thank everyone who supported me and I'm thrilled at my election."

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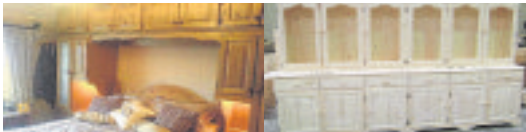
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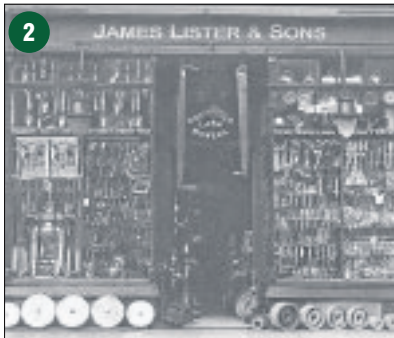
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His fifth foray into collating and researching images of the past, portraying the town and its suburbs, Terry's latest offering features more than 300 photographs across 160 pages, highlighting the many changes that have taken place throughout the borough.

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2) James Lister & Sons Ironmongers, High Street. Taken around 1920, this picture shows the popular firm which

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3) The interior of West Bromwich roller-skating rink, in Paradise Street. Pictured in 1910, this is the resident band which, from the balcony in the background, provided musical accompaniment for the skaters. Following the First World War, roller-skating went into decline and the venue was used for boxing, circuses and wrestling until the building was destroyed by fire in 1930.

4) Fire station, Paradise Street. West Bromwich mayor, Sampson Crump laid the foundation stone for the town's first purpose-built fire station in 1929.

5) West Bromwich Albion. The Frank Griffin goal which secured the Baggies the FA Cup with three minutes to go in 1954 against Preston North End.

6) Cronehills Infants and Juniors School. An impressive aerial shot of the school from 1976, showing Grafton Road and the Expressway. This area now forms part of the Tesco town centre redevelopment scheme.



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## Alan Carr



**Sat, Sun, 8pm**  
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 Visit [www.wolvescivic.co.uk](http://www.wolvescivic.co.uk)

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 Symphony Hall, Birmingham, B1 2EA.  
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# Shrek is taking ogre at the Grand



Go green at the Grand — Brontë Barbé as Princess Fiona, Idris Kargbo as Donkey and Dean Chisnall as Shrek

**BE a believer in fairy tales when monster hit Shrek The Musical arrives at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre for 16 performances from Wednesday, September 30.**

Starring Dean Chisnall, who also played the green ogre in the West End, the cast also includes Over The Rainbow finalist Brontë Barbé

as Princess Fiona, Idris Kargbo as Shrek's wisecracking sidekick Donkey and Gerard Carey as pint-sized villain Lord Farquaad.

Based on the hugely popular animated movie, Shrek The Musical was seen live on stage in London by nearly a million people and helped Neil Diamond's 1960s hit for The Monkees, I'm A Believer, become popular all over again.

Also featuring a love-sick dragon,

a biscuit with attitude and a host of fairy tale favourites, the UK tour of Shrek The Musical is directed by Nigel Harman, who played Lord Farquaad at the Theatre Royal Drury Lane.

The show runs at the Grand until October 11, including matinee performances, and tickets range from £16.50 to £44.50.

See [www.grandtheatre.co.uk](http://www.grandtheatre.co.uk) or call the box office on 01902 429 212.



## From tears to cheers

**WORLD-FAMOUS** violin virtuoso Nicola Benedetti sobbed her way through her first violin lesson, aged four. But the 28-year-old from Ayrshire, who was born to a Scottish mother and Italian father, went on to become one of the most popular classical violinists of her generation.

"I cried through my first violin lesson," remembered Nicola. "I was quite shy and am also left-handed, so I continually picked the instrument up the wrong way. My teacher probably got frustrated and I was just so nervous."

"But from the second lesson on I got the hang of it and really progressed quite quickly. Actually, it was the music moving me to tears that hooked me to the violin."

At the age of eight she became leader of the National Children's Orchestra of Great Britain and by nine had already passed the eight grades of music exams. At 16 she won the BBC Young Musician of the Year competition and had signed a £1 million six album deal. Since then she has won two Classical BRIT Awards for Best Female Artist and was awarded an MBE for services to classical music. One of her biggest motivations is encouraging children to take up music.

Last year's Homecoming album, inspired by Scottish music, entered the top 20 pop chart.

She returns to the Symphony Hall, Birmingham, on Saturday with a dynamic programme inspired by her father's homeland. It will include Vivaldi's Four Seasons and Tchaikovsky's Souvenir de Florence. Tickets start at £20 for Saturday's concert, see [www.thsh.co.uk](http://www.thsh.co.uk) or call 0121 345 0600.

### Nostalgic string of rock and pop gigs

THERE'S a strong hint of nostalgia on the gig scene.

Scottish rockers Big Country, with Simon Hough taking over from the late Stuart Adamson on vocals, are at Bilston's Robin 2 tomorrow (Fri) and Liverpool's The Christians team up with Cuddly Toy rocker Andrew Roachford at the Wulfrun Hall on Saturday. That's the same night The Bluetones play the O2 Academy in Birmingham.

Jazz singer Diana Krall is at the Symphony Hall on Monday, the same night guitar great Albert Lee and Ralph McTell play Birmingham Town Hall. Cliff Richard has sold out his Symphony Hall concert on Tuesday celebrating his 75th birthday.

### Ex-Casualty stars in Shawshank play

POPULAR TV actor Ian Kelsey returns to the stage in a play based on a novella by US master of macabre Stephen King.

The former Casualty and Blue Murder star joins fellow former Casualty actor Patrick Robinson in The Shawshank Redemption, a story about friendship and hope in a prison. It was also made into a movie.

It is staged at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from Monday to Saturday. Kelsey plays lifer Andy Dufresne and Strictly Come Dancing finalist Robinson plays prison fixer Ellis 'Red' Redding. See [www.atktickets.com/Birmingham](http://www.atktickets.com/Birmingham) or call 0844 871 3011.

### Swan Lake marks silver anniversary

BIRMINGHAM Royal Ballet begins its 25th anniversary season at Birmingham Hippodrome by performing the most popular of all ballets, Swan Lake.

The company, which made its move from London to Birmingham in 1990, will feature an ensemble of 50 dancers, a sinfonia of 60 musicians performing Tchaikovsky's score, plus Gothic sets and opulent costumes for this romantic blockbuster. It will be staged from Monday, September 28, to Tuesday, October 6.

The city's premiere of First Steps: A Child's Swan Lake, created for families and young children, is on October 2 at 1pm.

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Something on the side – a fresh salad



Akbar's, at the site of the former Liberty's nightclub



Chicken makhani, chicken dhansak and rice



Still a nightclub feel, but the interior dazzles

# The spice is right at restaurant housed in former city nightclub

**IT'S no secret that Birmingham has more than its fair share of Indian restaurants.**

So to stand the test of time, you've really got to offer something different – as well as pull the diners in.

I consider myself a massive fan of Indian food, but I always go to the same place and choose my favourite dish each time.

I'm almost nervous to try something. And I'm not a fan of 'fancy' curry houses. I love old, traditional, basic food, that comes in a balti dish and costs less than a tenner for a full meal. And where I can take my own wine.

Every now and then, though, it's nice to get dressed up and splash out a bit, so with that in mind I headed to Akbar's on Hagley Road. I first visited when it opened back in 2009 and judging by how my recent visit, it is as popular as ever.

**By Lisa Wright**

Those old enough to remember will know it as the former Liberty's nightclub. Younger readers will know it as the big white building next door to TGI Friday's.

The venue underwent a massive transformation when it opened, and it appeared to have lost none of its sparkle on my recent visit.

We ordered a bottle of Malbec and made ourselves comfy while we waited for our table which we were told could be up to 45 minutes. But much to our delight, our table was ready in 15 minutes.

There was almost a party atmosphere inside, with a real feeling of celebration being enjoyed by the other diners, so with it being so busy, I was worried that service would suffer. However, we were really well looked after. The starter menu has all the usual fa-

vourites, but there were also plenty of what I'd describe as more unusual dishes. Take for example the liver tikka and the rabbit tikka which comes served with a strawberry chutney.

Tempting options included the chicken wings, seasoned with spices in a yogurt marinade and cooked over charcoal. The keema and cheese samosas – minced lamb with onions and sweetcorn in pastry – also sounded right up my street. But in the end, we played it safe and went for poppadoms and the onion bhaji.

The poppadoms were crunchy and crisp, exactly what you want, while the bhaji, made with onion and potato, was again very tasty. It came in a light batter that wasn't too heavy, while the raita was creamy and cool, the perfect accompaniment.

We also chose our favourites for main courses – chicken dhansak and chicken

tikka makhani. I'd hoped for a sweet and sour flavour sauce with my dhansak, with huge chunks of chicken and pineapple, but in all honesty it felt a bit flat. Rather than lots of meat, I felt the dish was loaded down with lentils and sweetcorn. The flavour was good, and I mopped up the sauce with a naan bread, but if I was to order it again, I definitely wouldn't expect to see so much sweetcorn.

There was better luck for my friend whose chicken tikka makhani was thoroughly enjoyed. The sauce was mild and creamy and given a massive thumbs-up. The accompanying pilau rice was spot on, with the grains all delightfully fluffy and separated.

I enjoyed the experience at Akbar's. I'd probably go for a different main course next time, but my choice wouldn't stop me from going back.

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**CHOICE**



Tess Daly

**Strictly Come Dancing (BBC1, 6.15pm)**  
Following last night's first live edition, in which the first six celebrity hoofers made their dance-floor debuts – not counting the group number they all exuberantly threw themselves into in the launch show earlier this month – Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman introduce the nine celebrities who have been patiently waiting in the wings, ready to show off what they've learned in the rehearsal room – or not, in the case of any potential John Sergeants and Ann Widdecombs. With no public vote or elimination this weekend, the scores given by judges Len Goodman, Bruno Tonioli, Craig Revel Horwood and Darcey Bussell are carried over to next week, when the first couple will leave the competition.

**BBC1**

**6.00** Live Formula 1: Japanese Grand Prix – Qualifying. **8.30** Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** James Martin: Home Comforts. (R) **12.00** BBC News: Weather. **12.10** Football Focus. **12.50** Saturday Sportsday. **1.00** Formula 1: Japanese Grand Prix – Qualifying Replay. **2.30** Bargain Hunt. (R) **3.15** Money for Nothing. **4.00** Final Score. **5.10** BBC News. **5.20** Regional Programme. **5.30** Pointless Celebrities. **6.15** **Strictly Come Dancing**. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman host the second of this weekend's live shows, in which the remainder of the couples take to the floor. **7.45** **Doctor Who**. It's only the second episode of the new series, and already the chief writer Steven Moffat has put the Time Lord in mortal peril, making him a prisoner of the creatures that hate him most in the universe. Finding himself alone on the terrifying Dalek planet Skaro – with no sonic screwdriver, no Tardis and no one to help – the Doctor only has his wits to keep him alive. Now he faces his greatest temptation – can he resist? And will there be any mercy? Peter Capaldi stars as the time-hopping adventurer. **8.35** **The National Lottery: In It to Win It**. Dale Winton presents the quiz show in which five contestants answer questions to scoop a big cash prize. Only those in the winners' row will have a chance of taking home the loot, so they will need to get all the answers right – as well as a little bit of luck on their side. Gaby Roslin hosts the National Lottery draws, and there is a performance by Simply Red. **9.25** **Casualty**. Terror comes to Holby. Starring Amanda Mealing. **10.15** BBC News: Weather. **10.30** **Match of the Day**. Gary Lineker introduces highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Tottenham Hotspur v Manchester City at White Hart Lane and Leicester City v Arsenal at the King Power Stadium. Spurs have endured a difficult start to the season, and their fixture against the title favourites was likely to provide an indication as to whether they can challenge for a place in the top four this term. **12.05** Film: Mystery Road. (2013) **2.00** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.05** BBC News. **5.00** Live Formula 1: Japanese Grand Prix.

**BBC2**

**6.10** Film: Journey into Fear. (1943) **7.20** Film: Apache Territory. (1958) **8.30** F1 Rewind: Rivalries. **9.30** Racing Legends: Stirling Moss. (R) **10.30** Animal Park. (R) **11.00** More Creatures Great and Small. (R) **11.30** More Creatures Great and Small. (R) **12.00** Great British Menu. (R) **12.30** Great British Menu. (R) **1.00** Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip. (R) **1.30** Two Greedy Italians: Still Hungry. (R) **2.30** Coast. (R) **3.15** World's Busiest Railway 2015. (R) **4.15** Flog It! (R) **5.15** The Hairys Bikers' Northern Exposure. (R) **6.15** **Gardeners' World**. Joe Swift visits a "drinkable" allotment in London, where much of the produce is grown to make beer, wine and cider. Plus, the first of a five-part feature about botany. (R) **6.45** **Africa's Fishing Leopards: Natural World**. David Attenborough narrates a documentary following a leopard and its cubs in Botswana, with the cats having to learn how to fish to have any chance of survival. (R) **7.45** **Dad's Army**. Mainwaring and his platoon are put in charge of manning an observation post on a derelict pier, but they are marooned when their boat drifts away. (R) **8.15** Film: **Midnight's Children**. (2012) Premiere. Two babies are born at midnight on the day India becomes independent of British rule in 1947, but are switched at birth. As the two children grow to adulthood, one in wealth the other in poverty, they find their lives are constantly intertwined while the nation around them experiences sweeping social change. Drama based on Salman Rushdie's novel, starring Satya Bhabha. **10.30** **Cradle to Grave**. The thought of paying for daughter Sharon's dream wedding is giving Fred sleepless nights, while Danny takes up photography – inspired by the tutoring of his sexy French teacher. (R) **11.00** **Boy Meets Girl**. With Tony and Pam away, Leo and Judy plan to spend their first night together, but he loses his nerve and romance soon drops off the agenda. (R) **11.30** Film: **A Walk to Remember**. (2002) Romantic drama, starring Mandy Moore and Shane West. **1.05** Film: Strawberry Fields. (2012) **2.30** This Is BBC Two. **5.45** Countryfile. (R)

**ITV**

**6.00** CITY: Bottom Knockor Street. **6.10** Bottom Knockor Street. (R) **6.20** Bottom Knockor Street. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Signed Stories: Sha's Story. (R) **7.05** Fish Hooks. **7.20** Horrid Henry. **7.35** Adventure Time. **8.00** Marvel Avengers Assemble. **8.30** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **9.00** Jessie. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Unforgettable Benny Hill. (R) **10.15** The X Factor. (R) **12.15** ITV News: Weather. **12.25** Downtown Abbey. (R) **2.00** Rugby World Cup. Italy v Canada (Kick-off 2.30pm). **4.30** Rugby World Cup. South Africa v Samoa (Kick-off 4.45pm). **6.55** Regional Programme; Weather. **7.00** ITV News: Weather. **7.15** **Rugby World Cup**. England v Wales (Kick-off 8.00pm). Coverage of the Pool A encounter at Twickenham, where the old rivals meet in arguably the most eagerly awaited fixture of the pool stage. Since the draw was made, this pool has been regarded as by far the toughest, with Australia also involved, due to the Welsh being seeded ninth at the time and therefore regarded as one of the third tier of nations. However, their recent record against England shows there is little to call between the nations, and Stuart Lancaster's men will be delighted to have the benefit of home advantage, with Wales playing here in both of their key fixtures in the pool. There is little love lost between the two, and England will be looking for a third successive victory over Warren Gatland's side, having beaten their opponents in the Six Nations in Cardiff in February in their last encounter. While qualifying for the quarter-finals is the initial aim, there is also an incentive to finish top of the pool and secure a potential route to the final that is expected to avoid defending champions and favourites New Zealand. **10.20** **Through the Keyhole**. Keith Lemon hosts a revival of the classic game show in which panellists Antony Cotton, Sara Cox and Jimmy Carr are challenged to identify the homes of the rich and famous. **11.20** ITV News: Weather. **11.35** **Rugby World Cup Highlights**. **12.35** **Rugby World Cup**. **3.00** Show Me the Telly. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

**CHANNEL 4**

**6.05** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.30** Challenge Weymouth. **7.30** FIM Superbike World Championship. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **11.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **11.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **12.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **12.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage of races at Newmarket and Market Rasen. **4.10** Channel 4 News. **4.30** Couples Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.15** Couples Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** **Location, Location, Location**. Kirstie Allsopp is in the countryside surrounding Edinburgh helping Jan find a new home – but it soon becomes clear that he is more interested in finding the right shed for his collection of cars and tools than somewhere to lay his head. Phil Spencer is with Rogan and Jane, who suffer from chronic indecision when it comes to house hunting – and that's the least thing they need as they have to find a home fast before their first baby arrives in three months' time. (R) **7.00** **Celebrity Benchmark**. New series. Paddy McGuinness hosts a celebrity version of the game show in which contestants Jimmy Carr and Joey Essex must decide how 10 members of the great British public answered a series of tricky numerical questions – then simply decide whether the correct answer is higher or lower. **8.00** Film: **Snow White & the Huntsman**. (2012) An evil queen learns that her reign will last for ever if she kills a princess, so sends a renowned warrior to find and murder her. However, he comes to realise his mistress's evil ways, and instead trains his intended victim to fight so they can bring the tyrant's rule to an end. Fantasy adventure, with Kristen Stewart, Chris Hemsworth and Charlize Theron. **10.30** Film: **Van Helsing**. (2004) A vampire slayer sets out to help a gypsy princess vanquish Count Dracula and his three brides once and for all. Action adventure, starring Hugh Jackman. **1.05** Alan Carr: Chatty Man. (R) **2.00** Holyoaks. (R) **4.05** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R) **4.25** Alan or No Deal: Double Trouble – Grandparents. (R)

**CHANNEL 5**

**6.00** Milkshake! **10.00** SpongeBob SquarePants. **10.35** Cowboy Builders. (R) **11.30** Cowboy Builders. (R) **12.30** Cowboy Builders & Bodge Jobs. (R) **1.20** Film: Columbo Cries Wolf. (1990) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk. **3.20** Film: Columbo: Death Hits the Jackpot. (1991) **5.15** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **6.10** **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away**. Paul and Steve call for urgent police back-up after opening a locked wooden case they find while carrying out an eviction notice at a flat in London's Docklands. (R) **7.10** **Fail Army**. New series. A collection of viral videos that have already found billions of fans on the internet, including painful prat-falls and hilarious animal antics. **7.35** **Fail Army**. This week's collection of viral videos focuses on the fearless and recklessly ambitious, including a gymnast who kicks the girl he is trying to impress in the ribs. **8.00** **Now That's Funny!** New series. A collection of internet-sourced videos with a family friendly hook, featuring laugh-out-loud unexpected personal moments now being shared with the world. **8.55** **5 News Weekend**. **9.00** **Football League Tonight**. Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights of the weekend's top matches, including the west London derby between Fulham and Queens Park Rangers in the Championship. Friday's game was the first time the sides had met in this division since the 2000/01 season, when the Cottagers did the double over Rangers on their way to the title and promotion to the Premier League. QPR were relegated to the third tier at the end of that season, where they would stay until gaining promotion in 2004. Plus, action from the other Championship games, as well as all the goals from League One and League Two. **10.30** **Stevie Wonder: An All-Star Grammy Salute**. An all-star line-up including Beyoncé, Lady Gaga and Ed Sheeran salute Stevie Wonder with songs from his stellar songbook, before the man himself takes the stage. (R) **12.15** The Gadget Show. (R) **1.05** SuperCasino. **3.10** Spike Fight Night: BAMMA. **4.50** Make It Big. (R)

**DIGITAL**

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** Top Gear: The Best of Series 22  
**8.00** Don't Tell the Bride **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News **10.00** Film: The 51st State (2001) **11.20** Family Guy **1.40** Russell Howard's Good News **2.10** Orphan Black **3.35** People Tree **4.00** Close  
**BBC Four**  
**7.00** Operation Jericho **8.00** The Engine That Powers the World: Timeshift **9.00** Beck: The Family **10.30** A Very British Murder with Lucy Worsley **11.30** Hot Chocolate at the BBC **12.30** Boggle Fever: A TOTP2 Disco Special **2.00** Nile Rodgers: The Hitmaker **3.00** The Joy of Disco **4.00** Close  
**ITV2**  
**12.05** You've Been Framed! **1.05** The X Factor **3.10** The Xtra Factor **4.15** Catchphrase **4.55** Film: Nim's Island (2008) **6.50** Film: Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (2005) **9.00** Film: The Back-up Plan (2010) **11.15** Celebrity Juice: Ultimate EThrowBack Thursday Special **12.00** Safeword **1.25** Totaly Bonkers Guinness World Records **1.50** Crack Beaches **2.15** Animal Practice **2.40** Teleshopping **5.40** ITV2 Nightscreen  
**ITV3**  
**12.40** Foyle's War **6.55** Doc Martin **8.00** Lewis **10.00** A Touch of Frost **12.15** Wire in the Blood **1.35** Murder, She Wrote **2.25** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping  
**ITV4**  
**11.40** The Professionals **12.45** Pawn Stars **2.05** British Superbike Championship Highlights **3.10** Film: Rio Bravo (1959) **6.00** Storage Wars: New York **7.00** Storage Wars **7.30** Film: Cannonball Run II (1984) **9.45** Film: National Lampoon's Loaded Weapon 1 (1993) **11.30** Film: First Blood (1982) **1.20** Minder **2.20** Hogan's Heroes **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping  
**E4**  
**11.00** The Goldbergs **12.00** Film: Hop (2011) **2.00** The Big Bang Theory **6.00** Film: Maid in Manhattan (2002) **8.00** The Big Bang Theory: Top 5 Penny **10.50** Gogglebox **12.35** Sad Robots **1.10** Rude(ish) Tube **1.40** How I Met Your Mother **2.35** The Inbetweeners **3.25** 2 Broke Girls **3.50** How I Met Your Mother **4.10** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **4.35** Revenge  
**Film4**  
**11.00** Guadalcanal Diary (1943) **1.00** Dear John (2010) **3.20** The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (2010) **5.45** Avatar (2009) **9.00** Black Hawk Down (2001) **12.00** Piranha 3DD (2012) **1.40** Clerks (1994) **3.35** Close

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CHOICE



Thomas Turgoose

**This Is England '90 (Channel 4, 9pm)**  
Life begins to take a darker turn as autumn draws in and honesty, loyalty and forgiveness are tested to the limit among the group of young friends in the penultimate episode of Shane Meadows' 1990-set drama. Lol finds herself confronted with a seemingly impossible task and is forced to face up to some uncomfortable truths. Kelly continues on her downward spiral, while Shaun escapes the troubles of the present with a trip down memory lane. Starring Vicky McClure, Thomas Turgoose, Chanel Cresswell, Andrew Ellis, Andrew Shim, Billy Braithwaite, Danielle Watson and Helen Behan.

BBC1

**9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Formula 1: Japanese Grand Prix Replay. **3.15** Eat Well for Less? (R) **4.15** The Great British Bake Off. (R) **5.15** Points of View. **5.30** Songs of Praise. **6.05** BBC News. **6.20** Regional Programme. **6.30** **Countryside**. Matt Baker and Ellie Harrison present this year's One Man and His Dog competition, from Chirk Castle, North Wales, and discover the conservation work being carried out in the area. Including Weather for the Week Ahead. **7.30** **Antiques Roadshow**. Fiona Bruce presents the show from Broughton Castle, near Banbury, Oxfordshire, where finds include a book of police mug shots, a Victorian baby bouncer and a musical penknife. **8.30** **Cider with Rosie**. Anyone who studied English Literature in the 1980s will know this story immediately as Cider with Rosie was the set text for a generation of school pupils. Now BBC One presents it as the latest in their season of classic 20th-century literature adaptations. Laurie Lee's autobiographical memoir is an evocative coming-of-age story set in an idyllic Cotswold village during and after the First World War. It follows Young Lolli as he experiences first love, loss and family upheaval while growing to manhood in an environment seemingly untouched by the trappings of the modern world. Samantha Morton, Jessica Hynes, Ruby Ashbourne Serkis and June Whitfield star. **10.00** BBC News. **10.20** Regional Programme. **10.30** **Match of the Day 2**. Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, featuring Watford v Crystal Palace at Vicarage Road, and all the goals from Saturday's fixtures. **11.20** **The Women's Football Show**. A look at the biggest issues in the women's game, focusing on matters at both club and international level. **11.50** **Imagine**. (R) **12.45** Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.50** BBC News.

BBC2

**6.45** Gardeners' World. (R) **7.15** The Beechgrove Garden. **7.45** Match of the Day. (R) **9.15** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **10.45** Great British Menu. (R) **11.15** Great British Menu. (R) **11.45** Great British Menu. (R) **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.00** Escape to the Continent. (R) **3.00** Cycling. **4.30** Flog It! (R) **5.30** Patagonia: Earth's Secret Paradise. (R) **6.30** **World's Weirdest Events**. Chris Packham presents more amazing stories, unearthing a whirlwind wedding ceremony. (R) **7.30** **The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice**. Jo Brand and three celebrity fans of BBC One's baking contest discuss the good and the bad of an episode in which the challenges included a brief to create a religious à l'ancienne, namely three tiers of choux pastry eclairs filled with creme pat, iced and decorated with buttercream. There is also unseen footage from the programme and an interview with the latest contestant to be eliminated. (R) **8.00** **Top Gear: Best of Series 22**. The team looks back at highlights of the motoring series, including the fastest new models, the most desirable classics and the craziest stunts. **9.00** **Special Forces – Ultimate Hell Week**. The ten remaining recruits are overseen by a representative of a Russian special forces unit. He requires them to carry heavy weights through the gruelling hills of south Wales. **10.00** **Family Guy**. Meg gets a job at the airport, while Cleveland becomes a therapist and gives relationship advice to Peter and Lois. **10.25** **Family Guy**. Brian discovers that the cure for cancer is being kept secret. **10.45** **Family Guy**. Brian uses Stevie's time machine to impress women at bars, but ends up breaking it and causing time to move in reverse. When they try to rebuild it, it explodes. **11.10** **Film: Youth in Revolt.** (2009) An awkward 16-year-old meets the girl of his dreams on holiday and embarks on a series of elaborate misadventures to be with her. Comedy, starring Michael Cera. **12.35** **Film: Love Like Poison.** (2010) **1.55** Sign Zone: Countryside. (R) **2.50** Holby City. (R) **3.50** This is BBC Two.

ITV

**6.00** CITV: Bottom Knockor Street. **6.10** Bottom Knockor Street. (R) **6.20** Bottom Knockor Street. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Fish Hooks. **7.20** Horrid Henry. **7.35** Matt Hatter Chronicles. **8.00** Marvel Avengers Assemble. **8.30** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **9.00** Horrible Science. **9.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **11.30** Rugby World Cup. **1.55** Rugby World Cup. Scotland v USA (Kick-off 2.30pm). **4.30** Rugby World Cup. **6.45** Regional Programme; Weather. **6.55** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** **The X Factor**. The contestants face the next stage of Boot Camp as they perform for judges Nick Grimshaw, Rita Ora, Cheryl Fernandez-Vicini and Simon Cowell in the grand surroundings of a country house. If they succeed in impressing the panel, they stand to win one of the coveted places in the six chair challenge and be one step closer to victory. **9.00** **Downton Abbey**. It's the final series of Julian Fellowes' hugely successful upstairs-downstairs drama, but fans needn't shed a tear just yet, as there are still seven episodes to go, plus a Christmas special to wrap things up. Tonight, plans for the wedding are gathering steam, but Lady Mary's meddling lands Carson in trouble with Mrs Hughes. Cora and Violet clash over plans for the hospital takeover, and Thomas's job search is proving disheartening. Mary comes up with a fresh idea that offers Anna fresh hope, prompting a trip to London, and Lady Edith faces challenges at the magazine although it's a problem closer to home that reaches breaking point. A day for the family and servants ends in panic and leaves Robert facing a difficult decision. **10.00** ITV News; Weather. **10.20** **Rugby World Cup Highlights**. Australia v Uruguay, Scotland v USA and Ireland v Romania. Action from the Pool-stage matches, which took place at Villa Park, Elland Road and Wembley Stadium respectively. **11.20** **Perspectives: Eddie Redmayne on War Art**. (R) **12.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.20** Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **4.40** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

**6.10** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.35** The Grid. **7.05** Volkswagen Racing Cup. **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.25** Film: Beaches. (1988) Drama, starring Bette Midler and Barbara Hershey. **3.45** Film: St Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold. (2009) Comedy sequel, starring Rupert Everett. **5.50** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. **6.45** Channel 4 News. **7.00** **Time Crashers**. The final challenge takes the celebrities back to the Iron Age to experience life in 43AD. Greg Rutherford and Meg Mathews are elected as the group's tribal chiefs and they have two days to prepare a Celtic feast, as well as dealing with the more pressing concerns of heat, light and food. Jermaine Jenas. **8.00** **First Humans: The Cave Discovery**. Documentary following the discovery of fossilised remains in a South African cave that were revealed to have come from a previously unknown species of human ancestor. **9.00** **This Is England '90**. Life begins to take a darker turn as autumn draws in and honesty, loyalty and forgiveness are tested to the limit among the group of young friends in the penultimate episode of Shane Meadows' 1990-set drama. Lol finds herself confronted with a seemingly impossible task and is forced to face up to some uncomfortable truths. Kelly continues on her downward spiral, while Shaun escapes the troubles of the present with a trip down memory lane. Starring Vicky McClure, Thomas Turgoose and Chanel Cresswell. **10.05** **Gogglebox**. Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. Narrated by Caroline Aherne. (R) **11.10** **Film: This Is 40**. (2012) Premiere. Comedy, starring Paul Rudd. **1.40** World of Weird. (R) **2.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.25** Location, Location, Location. (R)

CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **6.20** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.30** Pip Ahoy! (R) **6.45** Tickety Toc. (R) **6.55** Chloe's Closet. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.25** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.45** Little Princess. (R) **8.00** Wandia and the Alien. (R) **8.10** Zack and Quack. (R) **8.25** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.45** Jelly Jam. (R) **9.00** LazyTown. (R) **9.30** Dora and Friends. (R) **9.55** SpongeBob SquarePants. **10.30** Football League Tonight. (R) **12.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.55** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.55** Film: 2012. (2009) Disaster movie, starring John Cusack. **4.50** Film: Planet of the Apes. (2001) Sci-fi adventure remake, starring Mark Wahlberg. **7.00** **Film: Jackie Chan's The Forbidden Kingdom**. (2008) An American teenager obsessed with kung fu movies is sent back in time to ancient China, where he joins the battle to free the imprisoned Monkey King. The only problem is he has no martial arts skills of his own, and will need the assistance of two legendary warriors to become the hero he needs to be. Martial arts adventure, starring Jet Li and Jackie Chan. Edited for violence and language. **8.55** **5 News Weekend**. **9.00** **Film: Just Go with It**. (2011) Premiere. A plastic surgeon pretends to be unhappily married to seduce women. When his girlfriend finds his prop wedding ring, he claims he is getting a divorce and has to persuade his assistant to pose as his soon-to-be ex-wife, but is forced to come up with yet more lies to maintain the illusion. Romantic comedy, starring Adam Sandler, Jennifer Aniston and Nicole Kidman. **10.55** **Film: Welcome to the Jungle**. (2003) A bounty hunter on a rescue mission in the rainforest is drawn into a quest for a legendary artefact. Action comedy, with Dwayne Johnson, Seann William Scott and Christopher Walken. **12.45** **Tattoo Disasters UK**. Body art tributes to family members. (R) **1.15** SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. **3.10** Transporter: The Series. **4.00** House Doctor. A country cottage in Northamptonshire. (R)

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**BBC Three**  
**7.00** Formula 1: Japanese Grand Prix – Highlights **8.00** Don't Tell the Bride **9.00** Film: Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (2011) **11.05** Family Guy **11.50** American Dad! **12.10** Family Guy **12.35** Top Coppers **1.00** Fried! **1.30** Orphan Black **3.00** Girls Can Code **4.00** Close  
**BBC Four**  
**7.00** Arvo Part/Robert Wilson: The Lost Paradise **8.00** The Last Journey of the Magna Carta King **9.00** Egypt's Lost Cities **10.30** Film: Ilo Ilo (2013) **12.05** Britain's Most Fragile Treasure **1.05** Bought with Love: The Secret History of British Art Collections **2.05** Britain on Film: This Sceptred Isle **2.35** A Very British Murder with Lucy Worsley **3.35** Close  
**ITV2**  
**12.35** Catchphrase Celebrity Special **1.35** You've Been Framed! **3.10** Film: Nim's Island (2008) **5.05** Film: The Polar Express (2004) **7.00** Film: Uncle Buck (1989) **9.00** The Xtra Factor **10.00** Film: 300 (2006) **12.20** Viral Tap **1.05** Reality Bites **1.45** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.10** Teleshopping **5.40** ITV2 Nightscreen  
**ITV3**  
**12.35** Agatha Christie's Sparkling Cyanide **2.30** Foyle's War **9.00** Sunday Night at the Palladium **10.00** Birds of a Feather **10.35** City Lights **11.35** Wycliffe **1.15** Film: Ooh, You Are Awful (1972) **2.50** ITV3 Nightscreen **3.15** Emmerdale  
**ITV4**  
**6.30** Goodwood Cars of the Future – Racing **7.30** Goodwood Revival 2015 **8.30** Storage Wars **9.00** Film: Waterworld (1995) **11.40** Film: Rambo: First Blood Part II (1985) **1.45** Hell on Wheels **2.40** Motorway Patrol **3.00** Teleshopping  
**E4**  
**12.30** Film: Horton Hears a Who! (2008) **2.15** Rude(ish) Tube Short **2.30** Couples Come Dine with Me **4.30** Bad(ish) Robots **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Film: Star Trek (2009) **10.30** The Inbetweeners **11.30** The IT Crowd **12.35** Rude Tube **1.40** Young, Free & Single **2.45** Rules of Engagement **3.35** Hollyoaks  
**Film4**  
**11.00** Man Without a Star (1955) **1.00** City of Ember (2008) **2.55** Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (2009) **4.40** Journey to the Center of the Earth (2008) **6.30** A Good Year (2006) **9.00** Kingdom of Heaven (2005) **12.45** Lesson of Evil (2012) **3.25** Close

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FILM CHOICES

**MONDAY**  
**Battu's Bioscope, Channel 4, 2am**  
Andrzej Fidyk's documentary about a mobile cinema run by Mr Battu and his two assistants, the young Amit and 80-year-old Mama. They travel in a rickety old truck and show B-grade Indian movies using an ancient projector and a few white sheets. (1999)

**TUESDAY**  
**Finding a Family, Channel 5, 3.15pm**  
A teenager who was placed in the care of the state after a car crash left his mother unable to cope devotes himself to his academic career, hoping to gain a place in a respected university. Fact-based drama, starring Jared Abrahamson and Kim Delaney. (2011)

**WEDNESDAY**  
**Sliding Doors, BBC1, 11.45pm**  
A London woman's entire future hinges on whether or not she catches a train. In one version of events, she gets the chance to start afresh and lead a happy new life, but in the other she is stuck supporting her lazy, unfaithful boyfriend. Comedy drama, presenting two parallel stories featuring the same character. Starring Gwyneth Paltrow and John Hannah. (1998)



The Expendables, Thursday, Channel 5, 10pm

**THURSDAY**  
**The Expendables, Channel 5, 10pm**  
A mercenary leads his elite team on a mission to assassinate a South American dictator, only to find their target is merely a pawn and the real power in the country is a rogue CIA agent. Feeling they have been double-crossed, they abandon the operation – but are compelled to return and save a captured rebel. Action thriller, starring Sylvester Stallone. With Jet Li. (2010)

**FRIDAY**  
**Fast & Furious, ITV, 11.20pm**  
News of a friend's murder brings international fugitive Dominic Toretto back to his home city of Los Angeles in search of revenge. It is not long before his pursuit leads him to cross paths with FBI agent Brian O'Conner, and despite their hostile feelings toward each other, the pair work together to bring down those responsible. Thriller sequel, starring Vin Diesel, Paul Walker and Jordana Brewster. (2009)

Carol plays host to the heroes of the Nation

Have your hankies at the ready because one of the most moving ceremonies of the year is with us again. Of course, Carol Vorderman is no stranger to The Pride of Britain Awards, but she admits they don't get any easier to host after all these years. "It's a massive show to do, the volume that you have to learn and hold and you have to get the tone right," she explains. "It's a massive show for one person to do so I'm exhausted by the end of it, absolutely drained. But I'm also on a high. Then when I watch it, that's when the emotion comes out." Now in its 17th year, the star-studded gala at London's Grosvenor House Hotel will be packed with uplifting and moving stories of courage, selflessness and achievement against the odds. Carol admits she's rather proud to be involved once more. "I've been part of it for so long now, ever since it started 17 years

ago. I'm not just someone who is brought in on the night, I've lived it and breathed it." Is there any winner that stood out for her? "There have been loads really. The saddest ones are the children who have been ill and then have either raised a lot of money for charity or done something remarkable and then get ill again and are no longer with us and that's really hard, it really knocks it home." One of the reasons the shows works so well each year is the fact Carol and the winners get to know each other with a big dinner the night before. "Because everybody travels down to London from all over the country, it's the first time they have met each other and we introduce them all. "I try to sit and talk with everybody and at the end of the dinner I go through all of their stories, and what's remarkable is every single one of them turns around and says 'I shouldn't be here, I'm not worthy.' They are so modest. They get

great strength from meeting each other before too." One of the most poignant prizes of last year was the first posthumous award in honour of Stephen Sutton, the blogger and activist who spent his final days raising money for the Teenage Cancer Trust. "I remember we pushed his fundraising over the £5million mark on the night," recalls Carol. "But it's not just about people who have been ill. The lifetime achievement awards are for ordinary people that we wouldn't read about in normal Press, but they have done these remarkable things; they aren't celebrity driven or media driven or anything, and the person who has won that this year is astonishing." Carol admits plenty of winners made her cry this year. "One in particular, it was one of the Children of Courage winners. We saw some film at the judging panel. When you read a story it's not the same as seeing it and what this little boy did was extraordinary – I blubbed."



Carol Vorderman, The Pride of Britain Awards 2015, Thursday, ITV, 8pm

BEST OF THE REST

**MONDAY**  
**Doc Martin**  
**ITV, 9pm**  
Louisa and Martin have their first therapy session together – though neither of them was expecting they would be given homework – while Morwenna is not happy about it when a teenager on work experience starts trying to boss her around in the surgery. Mrs Tishell is surprised when her husband Clive returns and tells her he wants to give things another go, and Louisa has to call Martin when one of her pupils collapses during a school excursion.

**Coldplay, Ed Sheeran, Beyonce and Pearl Jam at the Global Citizen Festival**  
**BBC1, 10.35pm**  
The Global Citizen Festival has been running since 2011 and last year secured financial commitments for tackling extreme poverty and disease, totalling \$1.3billion – but clearly the work is ongoing, because its aim once again was to raise money and awareness in a bid to end poverty. The 2015 bash took place at New York's Central Park last weekend and was hosted by such luminaries as Hugh Jackman and Salma Hayek. Sadly, the BBC's highlights package is woefully short, but it promises to have all the best bits from the event's headlines, including Beyonce.

**TUESDAY**  
**Britain's Biggest Adventures with Bear Grylls**  
**ITV, 9pm**  
He's trekked around Snowdonia in North Wales and explored the Yorkshire Dales – now Bear Grylls goes north of the border to the Scottish Highlands on an adventure that takes him from the deepest point in Britain to its highest mountain, Ben Nevis. Along the way he goes in search of freshwater pearl mussels, one of the most endangered species in the world, heads for the hills to discover how the country's magnificent highlands were formed and hears about a plan to save an ancient forest under threat because the native Scots pine has been over-run by a non-native species.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**All Star Mr & Mrs**  
**ITV, 8pm**  
The honeymoon period might be over for another three couples as Phillip Schofield returns to test their knowledge of each other's likes, dislikes and habits. First up are former Corrie actor Jimi Mistry and his wife, one-time Strictly Come Dancing dancer Flavia Cacace-Mistry, tennis legend Martina

Navratilova and her wife Julia Lemigova, and Good Morning Britain presenter Sean Fletcher and his wife Luned. The three couples reveal how much they know about each other over two rounds, before the winners play for £30,000 for their chosen charity. However, no one walks away empty-handed, as the losers each receive £5,000 for a good cause – not to mention the much-coveted Mr & Mrs carriage clock.



Coldplay, Ed Sheeran, Beyoncé and Pearl Jam at the Global Citizen Festival, Monday, BBC1, 10.35pm

**Doctor Foster**  
**BBC1, 9pm**  
After the revelation that those around her are also holding onto secrets, Gemma throws herself into a new start with her husband. However, when the respected senior GP discovers that someone is out to get her on a professional level, she must steel herself as the pressure begins to mount. Simon appears to be supportive of her, but she needs to make a decision as to whether or not the man she married is to be trusted. Starring Suranne Jones.

**THURSDAY**  
**Who Do You Think You Are?**  
**BBC1, 9pm**  
Anita Rani makes her second BBC One appearance of the week, although unlike her Strictly Come Dancing performance, this delve into her family's past proves to be a much more sobering affair. Anita never met her maternal grandfather Sant Singh, but she knows he had another wife and family before meeting her grandmother – and that he suffered terrible tragedy at the time of India's Partition. Here the broadcaster travels to India to see if she can find out more about his first family and what happened to them.

**FRIDAY**  
**Have I Got News for You**  
**BBC1, 9pm**  
New series. Team captains Ian Hislop and Paul Merton bound back for the 50th run of the series, which has been appearing regularly on BBC screens now since 1990. They will find a domestic political climate much changed since the spring, now that the Conservatives have settled into majority government and the Labour opposition has undergone a transformation. But it may prove quite a feat for them and their guest participants to find a humorous edge to many of the current world affairs stories.

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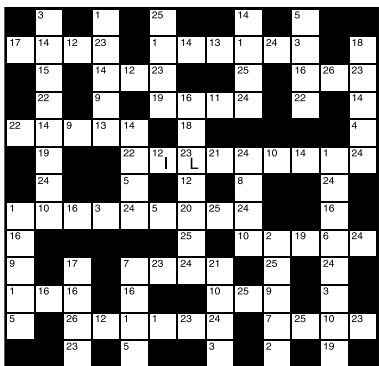
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

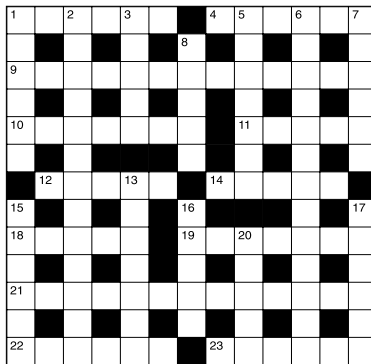
### Cryptic Clues:

#### Across

1. Begin with a counter-claim? (3-3)
4. Attack makes idiot be ill (6)
9. Everything free in vain (3,3,7)
10. Gives out that I am to get thong back (7)
11. The smallest tales (5)
12. Pick-me-up in cot (5)
14. Get over being annoyed? (5)
18. Staggers on film? (5)
19. Red racer at pit (7)
21. Reasonable stipulation as to not bad state (4,9)
22. Sign up (6)
23. See art as a difficult puzzle (6)

#### Down

1. Not moving from the attics (6)
2. It shows the cost of rings (9,4)
3. Speaker, not the chairman, holds it (5)
5. Colonist who pays up? (7)
6. Natural exuberance shown by beastly ghosts? (6,7)
7. Mental powers that dispel the gloom? (6)
8. Employed party to train us each week (2,3)
10. Harbour (7)
11. Happen (5)
12. Decree (5)
14. Collection (5)
18. Contract (5)
19. Blow up (7)
21. Working together (13)
22. Audacious (6)
23. Opportunity (6)



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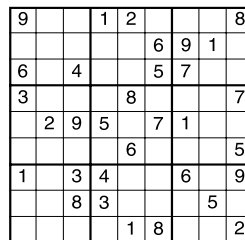
#### Across

1. Seem (6)
4. Suitable (6)
9. Reporter (13)
10. Harbour (7)
11. Happen (5)
12. Decree (5)
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18. Contract (5)
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21. Working together (13)
22. Audacious (6)
23. Opportunity (6)

#### Down

1. Admission (6)
2. Vertical (13)
3. Representative (5)
5. Spitefulness (7)
6. Absorption (13)
7. Withdraw (6)
8. Extra (5)
13. Sure (7)
15. Flinched (6)
16. Less (5)
17. Alliance (6)
20. Gleam (5)

## Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Pair of braces; 7 Final; 8 Rider; 9 Won; 10 Closeness; 11 Toro; 12 Estate; 15 Forestall 17 Now; 18 River; 19 Medal; 21 Growing pains. Down: 1 Play with fire; 2 Own; 3 Bellow; 4 Air-vessel; 5 Endue; 6 Crossed wires; 7 Finer; 10 Corkscrew; 13 Annual; 14 Gammon; 16 Rover; 20 Dip. QUICK - Across: 1 Gross neglect; 7 Cleft; 8 Theme; 9 Eye; 10 Generator; 11 Impale; 12 Albion; 15 Eruditely; 17 Tor; 18 China; 19 Baker; 21 In attendance. Down: 1 Give evidence; 2 See; 3 Extend; 4 Laterally; 5 Cheat; 6 Rear entrance; 7 Cheap; 10 Gallivant; 13 Inter; 14 Feeble; 16 Union; 20 Kid.

## Thinking space

## Quiz

1. When was Count von Zeppelin's first airship built?
2. Which famous king was son of Findlaech?
3. What sort of fruit is a morello?
4. In which year did Sitting Bull die?
5. What is a pixel?
6. What is the capital of Corsica?
7. What is the SI unit of electrical charge?
8. Which artist painted Nude Descending a Staircase?
9. In which country is Casablanca?
10. What are the international vehicle registration letters for Bahrain?

### Last week's solutions:

**Quiz:** 1 Allan Pinkerton; 2 Scarlet pimpernel; 3 Lady Jane Grey; 4 Elizabeth Barrett Browning; 5 Cobalt; 6 Goldfish; 7 Tonto; 8 Duke Ellington; 9 Professor Plum; 10 Cherry.  
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Lot 1

### Rectory Road Sutton Coldfield

Viewings: Sat 26 Sep 10am, Fri 2 Oct 3pm



●Guide Price £120,000 PLUS

This three bedroom property is in need of modernisation and improvement; it is situated in a popular residential area within Sutton Coldfield. The property would be perfectly suited towards an investor and with all amenities close at hand the property comprises: Ground Floor: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Reception Room, Kitchen First Floor: Bedroom One, Bedroom Two, Bedroom Three, Bathroom Outside: To the rear of the property there is a long garden containing an outbuilding with W.C.

Lot 2

### Rosemary Court Sutton Coldfield

Thu 24 Sep 11.30 am Thu 1 Oct 11.30 am Sat 3 Oct



●Guide Price £75,000 PLUS

This first floor flat is situated on a small development for the over 55's. Conveniently located on Walsall Road, Four Oaks, the property is convenient for local amenities. Set in communal grounds with communal conservatory with allocated parking space, the property has sealed unit double glazing and gas fired central heating. Accommodation: Communal Hallway with lift. Stairs lead to first floor landing providing access to individual flats. Enclosed Porch with door into Entrance Hall providing access to Lounge (front) 4.8m x 3.7m max with double glazed window to front, central heating radiator, fireplace with electric fire, sliding door to Kitchen 2.8m x 2.2m with store cupboard, stainless steel sink unit with drainer and base units, further base units with integrated oven and hob, double glazed window to side, ceiling light point. Bedroom One 3.2m x 6.65m max having two double glazed windows to front, two central heating radiators, fitted wardrobes, Shower Room 2.4m x 1.6m double shower cubicle, low level w.c., wash hand basin and central heating radiator. Outside: Substantial communal gardens, parking area with one allocated parking space. Tenure: Leasehold from 23rd August 1993.

Lot 3

### Farrington Road Erdington

Viewings: By appointment 0121 289 3838



●Guide Price £110,000 PLUS

This three bedroom semi detached property is situated in a popular residential area within Erdington. This property is a short walk from Witton Lakes Park and would make an ideal purchase for first time buyer or investor. With all amenities close at hand the property comprises: Ground Floor Hallway, Lounge, Diner Kitchen, First Floor Bedroom One, Bedroom Two, Bedroom Three, Bathroom Outside To the front of the property there is off road parking with a paved driveway. At the rear of the property there is an overgrown garden with a raised area towards the back of the garden, which has the potential to become a decking area.

Lot 4

### Friary Gardens Handsworth

Viewing: Sat 26 Sep 11:30am, Thu 1st Oct 2pm



●Guide Price £70,000 PLUS

This three bedroom semi detached property is in need of total modernisation. The property is situated in a popular residential area with an assortment of schools and shops in close vicinity the property is ideally suited towards an investor/owner occupiers. (This property is currently in the process of being treated for Japanese Knotweed) With all amenities close at hand the property comprises: Ground Floor Front door leads to Reception Hall, Reception Room One, Reception Room Two, Kitchen, First Floor Bedroom One with window to front, Bedroom Two With window to rear, Bedroom Three, Bathroom. Outside To the front of the property there is a small garden and a drive leading to a detached garage providing off road parking. To the rear of the property there is a well maintained private garden.

Lot 5

### Millfield Road Handsworth Wood

Viewings: Sat 26 Sep 10.30 am, Thu 1 Oct 1.00 pm



●Guide Price £137,500 PLUS

This three bedroom split-level detached family residence is situated in a popular residential area within Handsworth Wood. This property which only requires a small level of improvement would be suitable for investors as well as a buyer who is looking to make this there home. With all amenities close at hand the property comprises: Main Level: Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Bedroom One Bedroom One, Bedroom Two, Bedroom Three, Family Bathroom, Lower Level: Lower Level Garage Outside: The property offers a mature front garden with off road parking at the front, at the rear there is a very private garden

Lot 6

### Bridgewater Close Walsall Wood

Viewings: By appointment 0121 289 3838



●Guide Price £60,000 - £70,000

Situated in Walsall Wood this three bedroom semi detached property is in need of improvement and offers great potential for an investor. With all amenities close at hand the property comprises: Ground Floor Porch, Hall, Lounge, Dining/Kitchen First Floor Bedroom One, Bedroom Two, Bedroom Three

Lot 7

### Chestnut Grove Kidderminster

Viewings: Strictly by appointment through auctioneers



●Guide Price £90,000 PLUS

This Non-Traditionally constructed end terraced property which is in need of improvement is situated in a popular residential area within Kidderminster. The property which has double glazing already fitted as well as a large rear garden would be perfectly suited for an investor. With all amenities close at hand the property comprises: Ground Floor: Lounge with window to front, Rear reception room with window to rear, Kitchen with work surface already fitted and access to the rear of the property, First Floor: Three bedrooms and bathroom. Outside: At the front of the property there is a small overgrown garden as well as a driveway, to the side of the property there is a small shed. At the rear of the property there is a large overgrown garden.

Lot 8

### Great Lister Street Birmingham

Viewings: Strictly by appointment through auctioneers



●Guide Price £100,000 PLUS

Situated just off Dartmouth Middleway in the heart off Birmingham City Centre with good access this former engineering works with ancillary yard and office space offers an ideal investment or owner occupier opportunity. With wide frontage and easy access via roller shutter doors, the spacious workshop area has 3 phase electric and warm air gas heating system. Ground Floor: Entrance Hall leads to ground floor facilities, which include male and female toilets, store room, meter room, corridor, and access to main workshop, measuring 24m x 16m (4130sqft), access to which can be provided by 6m Roller shutter doors. Door leads to covered yard, once more accessed by roller shutter doors, opening into yard 16m x 5.6m. (900sqft) First Floor: Staircase leads to landing providing access to canteen measuring 6m x 4.3m with gas central heating boiler, providing heating to the first floor, corridor provides access to office 1 7.5m x 3.2m office 2 5.7m x 4.3m office 3 4.3m x 3m. Tenure: Property is offered on a leasehold basis on a 75 year lease from Birmingham City Council commencing 16th August 1963. At a rent of £168 on a half yearly basis. Birmingham city council that they are prepared to offer a new lease further details on request.

Lot 9

### Norman Road Northfield

Viewings: Strictly by Appointment through auctioneers



●Guide Price £200,000 PLUS

Situated close to Northfield centre, with all facilities provided including good local schools, this traditionally styled double fronted detached property is set on a good sized plot with space to both sides offering a tremendous development opportunity. In need of improvement the property offers spacious well planned accommodation set back from the road behind a wide fore garden with driveway to side. Viewing of the property is recommended to fully appreciate this unique opportunity. Ground Floor: Porch leads to entrance hall, then into lounge with window to front and opening to dining room, Kitchen, Shower/Wet Room, Lobby, W.C., Store, Garage First Floor: Landing leads to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Outside To the front of the property there is a driveway with off street parking and access to a garage. The left hand side of the property would be ideal for an extension/redevelopment. At the rear of the property there is a large garden with a lot of potential.

Lot 10

### Gorway Road Walsall

Viewings: 24th Sep 3pm, Fri 2 Oct 10:30am,



●Guide Price £200,000 PLUS

This large detached property which is situated in a popular residential area of Walsall is in need of modernisation and offers great scope for improvement. The property is set on a good sized plot with space to the side and the rear which gives it great development potential. (This property is currently in the process of being treated for Japanese Knotweed) With all amenities close at hand the property comprises: Ground Floor Front door leads to Entrance hall, Lounge, Reception Room, Kitchen, Garage, First Floor W.C., Bedroom with window to back, Bedroom with window to front, Bedroom with window to back and cupboard. Outside At the front of the property there is a good sized drive with garden providing off road parking. At the rear of the property there is a large garden which holds a lot of potential. The rear of the property also has an outbuilding with W.C attached.

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## NEW INVENTION



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## WILLEHALL



**BLOXWICH RD SOUTH, W-HALL**  
Two Bed Semi Comprises Of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen/Diner, Family Bathroom, UPVC Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Front & Rear Garden & Driveway.

£100,000

## BENTLEY



**EDINBURGH AVE, WALSALL**  
Two Bed Semi. Comprises Of Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen & Ground Floor W.C. 1st Floor Bathroom. D/G & G/C/H. Off Road Parking To The Front & Enclosed Garden To The Rear.

£110,000

## SHORT HEATH



**SHERLOCK CLOSE, WILLEHALL**  
Well Presented Two Bed End Townhouse. Comprises Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Spacious Lounge, Conservatory. Bathroom, D/G, G/CH, Parking To The Fore, Enclosed Garden To The Rear.

£119,950

## WILLEHALL



**LISTER STREET, WILLEHALL**  
Three Bed End Town House. Comprises Of Porch, Inner Hall, Modern Fitted Kitchen, Generous Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Sun Room & Family Bathroom. D/G. G/C/H. O/R/P To The Fore & Enclosed Garden To Rear.

£119,995

## WILLEHALL



**BIRCHES RISE, WILLEHALL**  
Three Bed Mid Town House. Comprises Of Entrance Porch, Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen/Diner And Family Bathroom. D/G. G/C/H. Gardens To Front & Rear. Allocated Off Road Parking Space. VIEWING ADVISED!

O.I.R.O £120,000

## BRACKENDALE ESTATE



**STROUD AVENUE, WILLEHALL**  
Three Bed Mid Town House Comprises Of Entrance Hall, Refitted Kitchen, Lounge, Conservatory And Ground Floor WC, Family Bathroom. UPVC Double Glazing And Gas Central Heating. Garage To The Rear.

£124,995

## REEDSWOOD



**BASALT CLOSE, WALSALL**  
Modern Three Bed End Town House. Comprises Of Kitchen, Lounge/ Diner, En-Suite To Master Bed & Family Bathroom, Garage, Front And Rear Garden. D/G And C/H Throughout. Off Road Parking.

£127,995

## NEW INVENTION



**CONWAY CRES, WILLEHALL**  
Three Bed Semi Having Entrance Porch, Inner Hallway, Through Lounge/Diner, Play Room/Study, Fitted Kitchen, Ground Floor W.C, Family Bathroom, UPVC D/G, Gas C/H, Garage.

£134,950

## WEDNESFIELD



**BROAD LANE STH, W-FIELD**  
Three Bed Semi Comprising Of Entrance Porch, Through Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Family Bathroom, D/ Glazing, C/Heating, Rear Garden And Driveway To Front And Side.

£145,000

## PORTOBELLO



**DILLOWAYS LANE, W-HALL**  
Two, Two Bedroom Self Contained Flats Both Having Hallway, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen And Family Shower Room. Both Flats Also Benefit From D/Glazing & C/ Heating.

£145,000

## KINGFISHER ESTATE



**WELLAND GROVE, W-HALL**  
Three Bedroom Detached Comprises Of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Family Bathroom. D/ Glazed, G/C/H. Gardens To Front & Rear, Driveway & Garage.

£145,995

## WILLEHALL



**BILSTON LANE, WILLEHALL**  
Three Bed Detached. Comprises Of Porch, Hall, Guest W.C, Lounge, Spacious Kitchen/ Diner, Veranda & Family Bathroom. Maj D/G. G/C/H. Garden To Fore. O/R/P. Extensive Gardens To Rear.

£185,000

## SHORT HEATH



**WALKERS FOLD, WILLEHALL**  
Four Bed Detached Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Modern Fitted Kitchen, Separate Utility, Ground Floor W.C, Four Bedrooms, En-suite, Refitted Family Bathroom, D/ Glazing, C/Heating And Integral Garage.

£219,995

## PERTON



**ST MAWES ROAD, W-HAMPTON**  
Four Bed Detached Property Comprises Of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen And Utility Room. En-suite Along With A Family Bathroom. The Property Benefits From Part D/G And G/C/H.

£239,995

## SHORT HEATH



**BLOXWICH RD NTH, W-HALL**  
Detached Three Bed Having Entrance Porch, Hall, Lounge With Inglenook Fireplace, Separate Sitting Room, Conservatory, Fitted Kitchen, Galleried Landing, Family Bathroom, Garage, D/Glazing, C/ Heating.

£265,000

## CAVDENISH PARK



**PERCH RD, WALSALL**  
Three Bed Detached Having Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Dining Room, Conservatory, Ground Floor W.C, Master Bedroom With En-Suite, Family Bathroom, D/ Glazing, C/Heating, Detached Garage And Driveway.

£165,000

## WILLEHALL



**THE CRESCENT, WILLEHALL**  
Three Bed Semi Detached Requiring Some Updating But Offering Great Potential Which Comprises Of Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Bathroom, Separate W/C, D/G & C/H

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## BENTLEY



**BEACON VIEW, WALSALL**  
One Bedroom First Floor Flat Comprises Of Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Double Bedroom, Bathroom With Shower. Private Garden, Secure Off Road Parking To Rear, Close To Junction 10 M6. Viewing Recommended.

£400 PCM

## DEANSFIELD



**TYBURN RD, W-TON**  
Two Bedroom Second Floor Flat Comprises Of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom With Shower, Double Glazing & Central Heating.

£440 PCM

## NEW INSTRUCTION



**STAFFORD STREET, WILLEHALL**  
Two Bed Flat Comprises Of Ground Floor Entrance, Spacious Lounge, Modern Fitted Kitchen, Bathroom With Shower, Double Glazing And Gas Central Heating Throughout. Viewing Recommended.

£450 PCM

## BENTLEY



**POPLAR AVENUE, WALSALL**  
Modern Two Bed First Floor Flat Comprises Of Lounge, Refitted Kitchen, Modern Bathroom With Shower. The Property Also Benefits From Upvc Double Glazing And Gas Central Heating Throughout. Viewing Recommended.

£475 PCM

## FIBBERSLEY



**WELLINGTON COURT, W-HALL**  
Two Bed Townhouse Comprises Of Entrance Hall, Groundfloor W/C, Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen, Bathroom With Shower, Master Bedroom With Walk In Wardrobe. G/C/H. D/G And Parking.

£500 PCM

## SHORT HEATH



**WORDSWORTH RD, W-HALL**  
Two Bed Townhouse Comprises Of Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen Having An Integrated Oven & Hob, Family Bathroom. D/Glazing & G/C/H. Front & Rear Gardens.

£525 PCM

## NEW INSTRUCTION



**LISTER STREET, WILLEHALL**  
Three Bed Mid Townhouse Comprises Of Entrance Porch, Inner Hallway, Fitted Kitchen, Lounge/ Diner, Family Bathroom With Shower, Upvc Double Glazing And Gas Central Heating Throughout, Garage To Rear. Viewing Recommended.

£550 PCM

## LANE HEAD

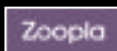


**LODGE STREET, WILLEHALL**  
Three Bedroom Semi Detached Property Comprises Of Entrance Hall, Spacious Lounge/Diner, Modern Fitted Kitchen And A Family Bathroom. There Is Also An Integral Garage. UPVC Double Glazing And Gas Central Heating.

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#### Corn Mill Close Walsall



**Offers around £47,500**

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#### Market Square Wolverhampton



**Offers around £67,995**

●●Suit landlord currently let out for £470pcm●● A well presented one bedroom modern City Centre apartment located on the fourth floor and being in the heart of Wolverhampton City Centre with the benefit of no upward chain, security intercom and lift to the first floor, double glazing and electric central heating. The property further comprises, lounge, double bedroom, luxury bathroom with shower, fitted kitchen and secure allocated parking. EPC rating of C.

#### Fallowfield Road Walsall



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#### Aldis Road Walsall



**Offers around £110,000**

A recently refurbished two bedroom semi detached property having the benefit of UPVC double glazing and gas central heating and no upward chain. This lovely property further comprises, reception hall, through lounge, fitted kitchen, two double bedrooms, family bathroom and front and rear garden. Energy rating D.

#### Shepwell Green Willenhall



**Offer around £75,000**

A two bedroom second floor flat having the benefit of UPVC double glazing, central heating and no upward chain. Ideal for landlord (previously let out for £480pcm) or first time buyer this well presented property further comprises, reception hall, lounge, study/store, fitted kitchen, 2 x double bedrooms, bathroom, shower room, parking space and garage. Energy rating E.

#### Oxford Place Merton Way



**Offers around £77,000**

●●●IDEAL FOR LANDLORD AS CURRENTLY LET OUT FOR £475PCM●●● A superb two bedroom first floor modern apartment having the benefit of UPVC double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. This lovely apartment further comprises, reception hall, lounge, fitted modern kitchen with integrated appliances, two bedrooms (master with en suite shower room), family bathroom with shower from taps and allocated parking. Energy rating C.

#### Water Reed Grove Bloxwich



**Offers around £87,000**

A superb modern two bedroom top floor apartment having the benefit of UPVC double glazing, central heating and no upward chain. This lovely property further comprises, reception hall with intercom, lounge, modern fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, family bathroom with shower, communal gardens and allocated parking space. Energy Rating C.

#### Pargeter Street Walsall



**Offers around £175,000**

Suit investor/developer is this unique three story property in need of total refurbishment and modernisation throughout whilst having the benefit of Majority UPVC double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. The property further comprises, reception hall, kitchen, cellar, 5 reception rooms, store room, 4 double bedrooms, bathroom, enclosed off road parking, garage/workshop, rear garden with out buildings. Energy rating F.

#### Patriot Close Walsall



**Offers around £115,000**

A modern two bedroom semi detached property having the benefit of UPVC double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. Set in a quiet cul de sac the property further comprises, lounge, fitted kitchen, two double bedrooms, family bathroom with shower, front and rear gardens and off road parking. IDEAL FOR LANDLORD OR FIRST TIME BUYER. Energy rating D.

#### Falcondale Road Willenhall



**Offers around £139,995**

Offers are invited on this lovely two bedroom semi detached property having the benefit of UPVC double glazing, gas central heating and fitted intruder alarm, located in the sought after 'Sneyd Park' estate the property further comprises, porch, lounge, fitted kitchen/diner, conservatory, two double bedrooms, family bathroom, front and rear gardens, detached garage and off road parking for several vehicles. Awaiting energy rating

#### Queen Elizabeth Avenue Bentley

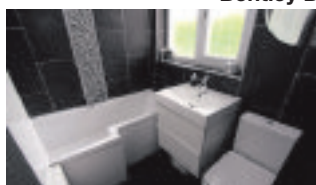


**Offers around £275,000**

A rare opportunity to purchase a good size 4 bedroom detached family home having lots of character and charm whilst having the benefit of UPVC double glazing, gas central heating and fitted intruder alarm. Previously a Doctors surgery this unique property further comprises, porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room, study, playroom, sitting room, summer room/conservatory, guest W.C, utility room, breakfast kitchen, four double bedrooms, family bathroom, spacious gardens, off road parking and 2 x double garages. Energy rating F.



#### Bentley Drive Walsall



**Offers around £115,000**

A superb, improved and upgraded two bedroom semi detached property having the benefit of UPVC double and gas central heating. This lovely well presented family home further comprises, lounge, dining room, refitted kitchen, refitted bathroom, two double bedrooms and front and rear gardens. Energy rating D.

#### Prince Street Walsall



**Offers around £85,000**

A three bedroom end terrace family home having the benefit of UPVC double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. Benefiting from recent part refurbishment the property further comprises, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, family bathroom, three bedrooms and rear garden. Energy rating F.

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**Walsall Road, Aldridge**

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Sought After Aldridge Location
- Large Lounge
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- Two Bedrooms
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- Sorry No DHSS

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**Enville Close, Turnberry**

- Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Popular Turnberry Estate
- Fitted Kitchen
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- Electric Heating

Monthly Rental Of £525

**Brindley Close, Beechdale**

- End Terrace Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge And Dining Room
- Front And Rear Gardens
- New Carpets
- Repainted Throughout
- DHSS Accepted
- Viewings Highly Recommended

Monthly Rental Of £495

**Pendlebury Close, Walsall**

- Two Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment
- Large Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Allocated Parking / Shared Garden
- Sorry No DHSS, Pets or Smokers

Monthly Rental Of £495

**Glastonbury Crescent, Bloxwich**

- Three Bedroom Terraced Property
- Entrance Hallway
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens

Monthly Rental Of £495

**Green Lane, Walsall**

- Two Bedroom Terraced House
- Recently Refurbished
- Two Reception Rooms
- Newly Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- DHSS Accepted, Sorry No Pets

Monthly Rental Of £475

**Bloxwich, Irvine Road**

- Three Bedroom
- Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- DHSS ACCEPTED

Monthly Rental Of £475

**Waterfront Way, Walsall**

- One Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment
- Open Plan Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom with Shower & Bath
- Balcony Area
- Allocated Parking Space
- Close to all amenities
- Town Centre Location

Monthly Rental Of £450

**Slaney Road, Walsall**

- Two Bedroom First Floor Flat
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Garage
- Off Road Parking
- Secure Intercom Access
- Cul-De-Sac Location

Monthly Rental Of £450

**Ashdown Grove, Walsall**

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite Shower Room
- Family Bathroom
- Communal Grounds
- Allocated Parking
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating

Monthly Rental Of £450

**Fountains Road, Walsall**

- Two Bedroom Terraced House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- DHSS Accepted

Monthly Rental Of £450

**Lewis Street, Walsall**

- Two Bedroom End-Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bathroom with Shower
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Sorry No DHSS, Pets or Smokers

Monthly Rental Of £425

**Shepherd Drive, Willenhall**

- One Bedroom First Floor Maisonette
- Entrance Stairway/Landing
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Sorry No DHSS, Pets or Smokers
- Shared Rear Garden

Monthly Rental Of £400

**Usk Close, Bloxwich**

- One Bedroom Ground Floor Flat
- Self Contained
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom with Shower
- DHSS Accepted

Monthly Rental Of £400

**Harden Close, Walsall**

- Two Bedroom Maisonette
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- Entrance Porch
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- D. Glazing & G.C. Heating

Monthly Rental Of £400

**Dartmouth Avenue, Walsall**

- Two Bedroom Property
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Modern Bathroom
- Lounge
- Double Glazing
- Electric Heating

Monthly Rental Of £350

**Harrison Street, Bloxwich**

- One Bedroom Ground Floor Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing & Electric Heating
- DHSS Accepted

Monthly Rental Of £350

**Barracks Lane, Bloxwich**

- One Bedroom First Floor Flat
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- One Double Bedroom
- Bathroom
- DHSS Accepted

Monthly Rental Of £300

**Harrison Street, Bloxwich**

- One Bedroom First Floor Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Electric Heating and Double Glazing
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• Cloakroom / WC  
• Lounge  
• Kitchen/Diner  
• Family Bathroom & Ensuite Shower Room  
• Viewing Essential

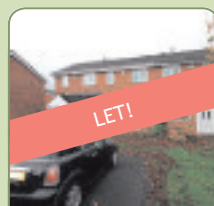
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Wood Lane, Willenhall  
• New Build Three Bed Townhouse  
• Entrance Hall  
• Downstairs W.C.  
• Lounge with Patio Doors  
• Conservatory  
• Master Bedroom with En-suite

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LET!

Buttermere Grove, Willenhall  
• Two Bedroom Terrace  
• Popular Coppice Farm Estate  
• Lounge  
• Newly Fitted Kitchen  
• Bathroom  
• New Flooring Throughout

Monthly Rental Of £550



LET!

The Briars, Walsall  
• Modern Third Floor Apartment  
• Sought After "Briars" Development  
• Large Lounge Diner  
• Fitted Kitchen  
• Two Bedrooms - Master Ensuite Shower Room

Monthly Rental Of £550



LET

Somerfield Road, Walsall  
• Three Bedroom Semi-Detached  
• Lounge  
• Fitted Kitchen  
• Ground Floor Bathroom with Shower  
• Rear Garden with Patio  
• Front Garden with Driveway

Monthly Rental Of £525



LET!

Squires Grove, Willenhall  
• Two Bedroom Apartment  
• Lounge with Double Doors  
• Fitted Kitchen  
• Master Bedroom with Ensuite  
• Family Bathroom  
• Allocated Parking

Monthly Rental Of £525



LET!

Ryle Street, Walsall  
• Three Bedroom Semi-Detached  
• Lounge  
• Fitted Kitchen  
• Downstairs WC  
• Family Bathroom  
• DHSS Accepted

Monthly Rental Of £495



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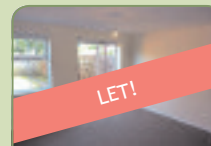
Usk Close, Walsall  
• Two Bedrooms  
• Lounge  
• Entrance Hall  
• Front & Rear Gardens  
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• DHSS ACCEPTED

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Alderley Crescent, Walsall  
• Two Bedroom Terrace Property  
• Fitted Kitchen  
• Downstairs WC  
• Lounge  
• Family Bathroom  
• DHSS Accepted

Monthly Rental Of £475



LET!

Lavender Grove, Walsall  
• Three Bedroom Semi-Detached  
• Entrance Hall  
• Lounge  
• Dining Room  
• Family Bathroom  
• Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating

Monthly Rental Of £450



LET!

Abbey Square, Walsall  
• Three Bedroom Terrace  
• Lounge  
• Fitted Kitchen  
• Family Bathroom  
• Front and Rear Gardens  
• DHSS Accepted

Monthly Rental Of £450



LET!

Walker Road, Walsall  
• Two Bedroom 1st Floor Apartment  
• Open Plan Lounge  
• Fitted Kitchen  
• Family Bathroom & Ensuite  
• Allocated Parking  
• DHSS Accepted

Monthly Rental Of £450.00



LET!

Waterfront Way, Walsall  
• One Bedroom First Floor Apartment  
• Open Plan Lounge & Kitchen  
• Family Bathroom  
• Allocated Parking  
• Close to all amenities & near canal  
• Sorry No DHSS, Pets or Smokers

Monthly Rental Of £425



LET!

Bloxwich Road, Walsall  
• MAIN BUS ROUTE LOCATION  
• Well Presented One Bedroom Flat  
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- Impressive Re-fitted Kitchen
- 6 Excellent Size Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- En-Suite Shower Room
- Ground Floor Shower Room
- Two Garages • Block Paved Drive
- Large Rear Gardens

£324,950



### WILLENHALL KNIGHTS CLOSE

- Impressive Immaculately Presented Recently Built Detached Property
- Popular Cul De Sac Location
- Hall, Lounge, Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- 4 Bedrooms
- En-suite Shower Room, Family Bathroom
- Garage, Driveway
- Rear Gardens, No Upward Chain

£239,000



### ESSINGTON SNEYD LANE

- Traditional Semi on Premier Road
- Hall, Lounge
- Spacious Dining Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Utility With WC
- Two Large Bedrooms plus Loft Room
- Impressive Family Bathroom
- Rear Gardens
- Pleasant Field Views

£185,000



### SNEYD PARK BROCKERIDGE CLOSE

- Impressive Modern Style Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge • Dining Room
- Extended Fitted Kitchen
- Garage & Driveway
- Gas CH
- Double Glazing
- Rear Gardens
- No Chain

£160,000



### WILLENHALL DOVEDALE AVENUE

- Traditional Semi Detached House
- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Conservatory
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Three Excellent Size Bedrooms
- Re-fitted Bathroom
- Majority Double Glazing, Gas CH
- Garage, Driveway
- Large Rear Gardens
- No Upward Chain

£132,950



### ESSINGTON SNEYD LANE

- Superb Four Bedroom Detached with Garage
- Open plan lounge, dining room
- Family room • Refitted breakfast kitchen
- Bathroom • En-suite • D Glazing • Gas CH

£340,000



### WILLENHALL RAVENSCROFT ROAD

- Impressive 3 Bedroom Detached
- Lounge • Dining Room • Spacious Kitchen/diner
- Utility Room With Wc • Bathroom, En-suite
- Two Garages • Large Corner Plot Gardens

£235000



### WILLENHALL BIRCHFIELDS ROAD

- Well Presented 3 Bedroom Semi Detached
- Extended Kitchen • Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory • Bathroom • Garage
- Pleasant Garden • Driveway • NO CHAIN

£230,000



### ESSINGTON SNEYD LANE

- Attractive Extended 4 Bedroom Semi Detached
- Extended Lounge • Conservatory
- Dining Room • Breakfast Kitchen • Gas CH
- D Glaz • Large Driveway • Delightful Gardens

OFFERS OVER £230,000



### NEW INVENTION SQUIRES GROVE

- Well Presented 2 Bedroom End Terrace
- Gas Central Heating • Upvc Double Glazing
- 2 En Suites • Large Lounge With Dining Area
- WC • Garage, Allocated Parking Space • Gardens

£130,000



### WILLENHALL CADNAM CLOSE

- Modern Style 3 Bedroom Detached Property
- Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom, Double Glazing • Gas CH
- Garage, Driveway, Front And Rear Gardens

£127,000



### WILLENHALL WOLVERHAMPTON RD WEST

- Superb Modern Style 3 Bedroom Semi Detached
- Hall • Lounge • Dining Kitchen
- Re-Fitted Bathroom • Double Glazing • Gas CH
- Two Allocated Parking Spaces • Gardens

£125,000



### COUNTY BRIDGE DEVON ROAD

- Improved Traditional Bay Fronted Semi Detached
- Hall, Lounge, Excellent Dining Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms, Re-fitted Shower Room
- Garage, Driveway, Rear Gardens, No Chain

£123,500



### SHORT HEATH POOLES LANE

- Period Two Bedroom Mid Terrace Property
- Two Reception Rooms
- Extended Kitchen
- Bathroom

£99,000



### WILLENHALL SHEPPELL GREEN

- Double Glazing
- Gas CH
- Pleasant Rear Gardens
- No Upward Chain

£99,000



### BENTLEY EWART ROAD

- Much Improved Spacious End Terrace
- Hall, Lounge, Dining Room • Fitted Kitchen
- 3 Impressive Bedrooms • Shower Room
- Rear Gardens, Double Glazing, Gas CH

£123,000



### WILLENHALL ASHMORE LAKE ROAD

- Well Presented Semi Detached Property
- Two Reception • Impressive Kitchen
- 2 Large Bedrooms • Superb Bathroom
- Double Glazing • Gas Ch • Excellent Gardens

£105,000



### WILLENHALL RUGELEY AVENUE

- Much Improved 3 Bedroom Semi Detached
- Hall, Lounge / Dining Room, Re-fitted Kitchen
- Utility, Bathroom, Double Glazing, Gas CH
- Driveway, Large Garden

£105,000



### NEW INVENTION SQUIRES GROVE

- Well Presented Ground Floor Apartment
- Hall, Lounge • Fitted Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms • Bathroom
- En-suite Shower Room • Allocated Parking Space

£92,000 (70% SHARE AVAILABLE)



### WILLENHALL LEVESON STREET

- Excellent Size Period Mid Terrace Property
- Hall, 2 Reception • Large Kitchen, Utility Room
- Two Double Bedrooms • Spacious Bathroom
- Double Glazing • Gas CH, Rear Gardens

£90,000



### WILLENHALL SHEPPELL GREEN

- Spacious Well Presented Second Floor Flat
- Hall, Large Lounge, Spacious Kitchen
- Two Excellent Bedrooms, Re-fitted Bathroom
- Double Glazing, Garage, No Chain

£75,000



### WILLENHALL CLARKES LANE

- Recently Built Ground Floor Apartment
- Double Glazing • Gas Central Heating
- Hall, Lounge, Kitchen • Double Bedroom
- Bathroom • Allocated Parking Space

£69,950



### WILLENHALL HOLMAN CLOSE

- Much Improved Ground Floor Maisonette
- Hall, Lounge, Kitchen • Double Bedroom
- Bathroom, Double Glaz • Warm Air Heating
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**Lichfield Road Walsall** **NEW**



- 2 Bedroom semi detached house
  - Refurbishment required
  - No upward chain
- OFFERS AROUND: **£120,000**  
Viewing:

**Finchfield Lane Wolverhampton** **REDUCED**



- Traditional Semi Detached Residence with No Upward Chain
  - UPVC Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
  - Entrance Porch • Reception Hallway
- OFFERS AROUND: **£215,000**  
Viewing:

**Wolverhampton Street Wednesbury** **REDUCED**



- 3 Bedroom terraced house
  - Immaculate condition
  - No upward chain
  - EPC - D, Lounge
- OFFERS AROUND: **£85,000**  
Viewing:

**Upper Ettingshall Road Bilston** **REDUCED**



- Detached Residence with No Upward Chain
  - Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
  - Reception Hall • Guest WC
  - EPC Rating D, Lounge & Dining Room
- OFFERS AROUND: **£179,950**  
Viewing:

**Newbolt Road Bilston** **NEW**



- Middle Terrace Residence
  - Gas Central Heating & UPVC Double Glazing
  - Reception Hall
  - EPC TBC, Lounge
- OFFERS AROUND: **£94,950**  
Viewing:

**Constantine Way Bilston**



- Immaculate Detached Residence on the popular Bridgefields Estate
  - UPVC Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
  - Reception Hall • Guest Cloakroom
- OFFERS AROUND: **£179,950**  
Viewing:

**Wayford Glade Willenhall** **NEW**



- Semi Detached Bungalow with No Upward Chain
  - UPVC Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
  - Reception Hall
  - EPC - D, Lounge
- OFFERS AROUND: **£139,950**  
Viewing:

**The Hayes Willenhall** **NEW**



- Semi Detached Bungalow with No Upward Chain
  - UPVC Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
  - Reception Hall
  - EPC - D, Lounge & Conservatory
- OFFERS AROUND: **£149,950**  
Viewing:

**Martin Drive Willenhall** **NEW**



- Semi Detached Residence with No Upward Chain
  - Heating
  - Reception Hall
  - EPC Rating C, Lounge
- OFFERS AROUND: **£125,000**  
Viewing:

**Woodcote Road Wolverhampton** **NEW**



- Modern 4 bedroom detached house in Tettenhall
  - Lounge
  - Dining Room
  - Downstairs wc
- OFFERS AROUND: **£300,000**  
Viewing:

**Rudge Close Willenhall** **REDUCED**



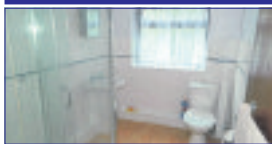
- 3 Bedroom terraced house
  - Popular location
  - Modern kitchen
  - EPC - D, Lounge/diner
- OFFERS AROUND: **£105,000**  
Viewing:

**Alamein Road Willenhall** **REDUCED**



- 2 Bedroom semi detached bungalow
  - Lounge
  - Kitchen
  - EPC rating C, Bathroom
- OFFERS AROUND: **£89,950**  
Viewing:

**George Rose Gardens Wednesbury**



- 1 Bedroom first floor flat
  - Good size
  - Lounge
  - Kitchen
- OFFERS AROUND: **£50,000**  
Viewing:

**Bay Avenue Bilston**



- 4 Bedroom end terraced house
  - Downstairs wc
  - Kitchen
  - EPC - C, Dining area
- OFFERS AROUND: **£145,000**  
Viewing:

**Meldon Drive Bilston** **NEW**



- End Terrace Residence in a Cul de Sac Location
  - UPVC Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
  - Reception Hall
  - EPC TBC, Lounge
- OFFERS AROUND: **£105,000**  
Viewing:

**Broadmoor Road Bilston**



- 2 Bedroom semi detached house
  - No upward chain
  - Entrance porch and hall
  - Lounge/diner
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| 11 Hednesford Road, Brownhills   | 10.00am  | 10.00am  |
| Premises at Rear of 58 Market Street, Hednesford (vacant)<br>(Access from Victoria Street) | 10.45am  | 10.45am  |
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| 33 Cannock Road, Blackfords,<br>Cannock  | 11.50am  | 11.50am  |
| 40 Walhouse Street, Cannock.   | 12.10pm  | 12.10pm  |
| 14-16 Newhall Street, Cannock  | 12.30pm  | 12.30pm  |
| 109 Old Penkridge Road, Cannock  | 1.15pm   | 1.15pm   |
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**LOT 1**  
33 CANNOCK ROAD, BLACKFORDS, CANNOCK, WS11 5BU  
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION  
◆ Semi detached house  
◆ Two bedrooms  
◆ Gas fired central heating  
◆ Fully double glazed  
◆ In need of repair  
◆ EPC rating E (50)  
GUIDE PRICE £60,000-£70,000



**LOT 2**  
122 CANNOCK ROAD, CHADSMOOR, CANNOCK, WS11 5BZ  
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION  
◆ End mews house  
◆ Three bedrooms  
◆ Gas fired central heating (Not tested)  
◆ In need of renovation/modernisation  
◆ EPC rating F (38)  
GUIDE PRICE £60,000-£70,000



**LOT 3**  
11 HEDNESFORD ROAD, BROWNHILLS, WS8 7LS  
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION  
◆ Semi detached house  
◆ Built C. 1901 of brick and tile construction  
◆ Requiring extensive modernisation and refurbishment  
◆ Predominantly double glazed  
◆ Gas fired central heating  
◆ EPC rating F (33)  
GUIDE PRICE £70,000



**LOT 4**  
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FREEHOLD PART VACANT COMMERCIAL INVESTMENT  
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◆ EPC rating D (78)  
GUIDE PRICE £80,000+



**LOT 5**  
40 WALHOUSE STREET, CANNOCK, WS11 3DY  
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION  
◆ Semi detached house  
◆ Two bedrooms  
◆ Gas central heating  
◆ Double glazed  
◆ In need of modernisation  
◆ EPC rating E (51)  
GUIDE PRICE £80,000-£90,000



**LOT 6**  
14-16 NEWHALL STREET, CANNOCK, WS11 1AB  
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION  
◆ Originally constructed as a pair of semi detached houses but converted and combined 30 years ago for the use as doctors surgery and consulting rooms  
◆ Predominantly double glazed ◆ Gas fired central heating ◆ Car parking area to the rear ◆ Ideally suitable for redevelopment as a pair of semi detached house or 4 flats. A planning application has been submitted to Cannock Chase Council  
◆ EPC rating D (112)  
GUIDE PRICE £130,000+



**LOT 7**  
109 OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK, WS11 1HY  
LEASEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION  
◆ Located in popular residential area  
◆ Semi detached bungalow  
◆ Two bedrooms  
◆ Fully double glazed  
◆ Gas fired central heating  
◆ Detached garage  
◆ EPC rating D (65)  
GUIDE PRICE £110,000-£130,000



**LOT 8**  
6 PARKER STREET, BLOXWICH, WALSALL, WS3 2LE  
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION  
◆ Detached house  
◆ Three bedrooms  
◆ Gas fired central heating  
◆ Fully double glazed  
◆ EPC rating E (41)  
GUIDE PRICE £70,000-£80,000



**LOT 9**  
◆ Attractive single storey structure of brick, tile and render construction  
◆ Conveniently located for ease of access to surrounding towns of cannoek, penkridge, stafford and wolverhampton  
◆ Planning permission for conversion to a two bedroom residence



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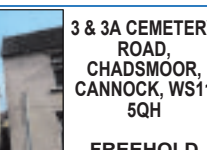
**LOT 10**  
◆ Detached bungalow  
◆ Two bedrooms  
◆ Oil fired central heating  
◆ Predominantly double glazed  
◆ Grounds extending to approximately 0.98 of an acre  
◆ EPC rating F (37)  
GUIDE PRICE £325,000-£375,000



**HIGHFIELD, 122 STREETS LANE, CHESLYN HAY, WS6 7AW**  
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION



**LOT 11**  
◆ Semi detached structure comprising  
◆ Hairdressing salon and self contained flat above  
◆ Currently producing £13,580 P.A.  
◆ EPC rating No 3 - C (62)  
◆ EPC rating No 3a - D (61)  
GUIDE PRICE £110,000+



**3 & 3A CEMETERY ROAD, CHADSMOOR, CANNOCK, WS11 5QH**  
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**LOT 12**  
21 QUEEN STREET AND LAND TO REAR, HIGHTOWN, CANNOCK, WS11 5TH  
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION  
◆ End mews house  
◆ Two bedrooms  
◆ Gas fired central heating  
◆ Off road parking/garage space  
◆ Larger garden area to rear  
◆ In need of improvement  
◆ EPC rating E (50)  
GUIDE PRICE £125,000-£135,000

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# Will petrol become a fuel for enthusiasts in future?

There are all manner of alternative fuels being touted as the best replacement for petrol. From electric energy and hydrogen to compressed air, all seek to supply greener, cleaner power for our cars.

However, anyone writing the obituary of petrol would do well to stay their pen as reports of its demise are more than a little premature.

Depending on who you speak to and who you choose to believe, fossil fuels have a future of anywhere between 30 and 100 years.

The reasons for such a huge variation in expert estimates are down to the cost of extracting the fuel from the ground.

There will come a point where accessing oil to refine into petrol and diesel will simply no longer be cost-effective on a large scale.

However, this does not mean we will see the end of petrol even then. In the short term, there will still be plenty of cars running around that need petrol for their engines, even if those engines are assisted by a hybrid power source.

Another longer term outcome for petrol is that it will become a fuel used by enthusiasts for their cherished vehicles. It may well be much more expensive than it presently is, despite many thinking fuel is too pricey already.

Fans of the combustion engine, and all the power, noise and fun it offers, will still be drawn to petrol as the fuel of choice. Instead of running their everyday car on unleaded, they will have an up-to-date alternative fuel car and save the good stuff for the week-

end when they can go cruising, racing or just having fun in their petrol-powered pet car.

Just as we see classic cars nowadays being run on petrol mixed with additives to protect elderly engines, so future drivers will regard petrol as something to use in a car that's a hobby, not a daily proposition.

Enthusiasts may also have to accept some limitations to using their petrol-fuelled fun cars.

For instance the mayor of Paris has banned all cars built before 1997 from the city centre in a bid to clear up air pollution.

This could mean petrol heads being restricted by where and when they can drive, but given the passion for petrol-powered cars, it seems likely they will be allowed some freedom to enjoy their pastime.

For those who see this as ridiculous and argue it is allowing a polluting few to enjoy themselves at the expense of the many, the number of miles covered by classic car owners is small and their vehicles are generally maintained to a very high standard.

The impact of a group of enthusiasts enjoying petrol-engined cars in the future will be very small.

Given the cost of petrol in such a world will be very high, owners of such cars will be unlikely to cover large distances anyway.

While the demise of petrol may have been exaggerated in recent times, it is undoubtedly set to become a less common fuel in the decades ahead. However, there will always be a place for it among enthusiasts that will see it remain for a long time to come.



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## Boss smith adds Ward to backroom line-up

WALSALL boss Dean Smith has added to his backroom staff by snapping up former Bristol Rovers manager John Ward.

The 64-year-old has joined the club as professional development coach and will work with assistant boss Richard O'Kelly and academy manager Neil Woods to develop young players.

Ward, a former assistant to Graham Turner at Villa, also enjoyed a caretaker spell in charge of Wolves.

"It's nice to get back on the grass, get my boots on and start working with players again," he said.

"I've always described myself as a coach who manages, rather than a manager who coaches.

"Working with teams and players individually – particularly with the young lads here now – in some ways, it's me giving something back to the game after an enjoyable career.

"My role is to help these young players to get in around the first-team, and support them emotionally, physically and tactically.

"It's about trying to develop them mentally as well as physically, because physically they're fine – they're all good athletes.

"But mentally they've got a lot to deal with – making errors, dealing with good times as well as the difficult ones.

"So it's about helping them on the path of life, as much as in football."

Ward has been working with the club for the past three weeks, and is encouraged by what he has seen.

"There's a lot of talent," he added.

# Etheridge is lapping up No.1 spot

NEIL ETHERIDGE is loving life at Walsall after establishing himself as the club's No.1.

The 25-year-old has made an impressive start to his Saddlers career after being snapped up by boss Dean Smith in the summer.

After helping guide the Saddlers to the top of League One table, Etheridge missed the defeats to Morecambe and Bury at the start of the month after being called up for international duty with the Philippines.

And the goalkeeper admits it was a huge boost to be placed straight back into the team to face Doncaster on Saturday.

"It was fantastic for me to get my place back in

the team," he said. "It was disappointing for Craig MacGillivray after two losses, I guess it was a chance for him. But for me, I've been concentrating on myself. The performances I had at the start of the season, I believe, justify why I got my shirt back straight back after the international break. It was great to be back and also great to be back to winning ways."

Etheridge rewarded Smith's faith in him with a man-of-the-match performance in the 2-0 win over Rovers. And that result means the glovesman is yet to lose in a Saddlers shirt.

"That's pressure for you," he joked. "I haven't lost and that is absolutely fantastic.

"It was very disappointing while I was away on

international duty to see the club lose twice if I'm honest.

"I'm a very unselfish guy in that respect and I wanted the club to win and continue the form we were in – unfortunately we didn't.

"Now I'm back, we've got back to winning ways and I can carry on enjoying being the club's number one goalkeeper.

"It's fantastic and I've been very blessed, not just for me to be able to play every week but being able to join a team with a fantastic manager, backroom staff and players.

"And it's fantastic how well we have started. Now we just have to keep it going."

# Blox crushed by an on-form Burntwood

**Bloxwich 5 Burntwood 53**  
**BLOXWICH suffered a crushing home defeat as Burntwood followed up their opening day bonus point win with another in Midlands 3 West North.**

They ran in eight tries again, this time from seven different scorers, and added five conversions from skipper Ben Holt and a penalty goal from Owen Rookyard.

It was Rookyard who opened the scoring with the first two tries of the afternoon, the opener after five minutes.

Good approach play down the slope ended in a 22m drop out from which Luke Rookyard featured in an attack to feed Danny Duggan who then put Owen Rookyard away to the bottom corner.

From the restart Duggan made a run to half way before feeding his co-centre who weaved his way through the opposition defence to touch down under the posts for Holt to add the conversion.

Bloxwich's first venture into the visitors' 22 came after 15 minutes. They kicked a penalty to the corner but lost line out possession, the ball being cleared with the assistance of Sean Latham who broke to the 22 and then earned a penalty.

## Responded

Burntwood responded with Tom O'Brien going close from a chip through and then Holt slid a penalty goal attempt left of the posts.

In fact their next score came via a Bloxwich attack. Duggan intercepted a pass on his own 22 and raced clean away to the posts for a try converted by Holt.

Owen Rookyard concluded the first half scoring with a well-struck penalty on 29 minutes although the visitors' defence had to stand firm against a series of close range drives near their own line in the period up to the break.

Rob Jones made a good break early in the second half to keep Burntwood in the ascendancy, even when they lost Ross Bedworth to a yellow card for a late tackle.

Just as Bedworth returned, the hosts temporarily went down to 14 due to a deliberate knock-on and Burntwood capitalised on their advantage with three tries.

A good passing move right and then left was finished off by Luke Rookyard with a try in the top corner. Direct from the restart, Alan Mapp, Josh Canning and Latham combined to send Holt on a weaving run across field. When tack-



Josh Canning trying to negotiate his way through the opposition during the match

led, he offloaded to replacement Darryll Organ who crashed over under the posts for Holt to convert.

Latham featured again from the kick off to instigate another attack. The ball was moved to O'Brien who fended off a tackler in a strong run down the touchline to the corner for a well-earned try.

Another spell of Bloxwich pressure was resisted before Burntwood added to their lead on 70 minutes.

A penalty award took them into the home 22. Organ

went close to his second try before prop forward Dave Ward barged his way over the line near the posts and Holt converted.

Another good attack from the restart saw Bedworth break a tackle on halfway and beat the full back for a try to take his side past the half century. Holt completed the tally with the conversion.

There was just time for Bloxwich to break their duck. A chip was cleverly flicked up from foot to hand.

# Beaten Walsall show improvement

**Dudley Kingswinford 46 Walsall 12**  
ALTHOUGH Walsall suffered another defeat, the team showed a significant improvement in several areas of their game.

Tries by Connah Jones and Rob Phillips with Kieran Pinches kicking a conversion and two penalties gave DK an 18-0 interval lead. But Walsall were far more competitive during the second half.

Indeed, a sixty metre break out of defence involving Andy Fitzgerald, Chris Mould and Dave Pitt should have resulted in a score.

But the hosts set up a counter attack which resulted in Stefan Shillingford going over near the posts.

Walsall did gain the next score after Mould put centre Richard Clarke away on a 40 metre run before finding John Josh Williams in support to go over for the try.

Five minutes later it was a similar situation as Williams cut through and then found Pitt in support. The Walsall winger outpaced the chasers and scored wide out.

But in scoring the try he sustained a leg injury and has now joined the ever growing group of injured Walsall players. The visitors were pressing

## Rugby

again and were having far more control of the game. The crucial score came a few minutes later.

Captain Neil Pittaway made a break, he was well supported by Fitzgerald, Benson, Weaver and the Walsall backs.

The final pass would have resulted in a certain try, but the pass was intercepted and winger Nicholas Adams raced 90 metres for the try.

The visitors tried to mount further attacks but it was DK that got the final scores as they ran with the ball at every opportunity.

## Formidable

Matthew Squire and Danny Hawkins going over for try apiece. Pinches added the points once again.

The games don't get any easier for Walsall. Hereford will be formidable opponents when they visit Delves Road this Saturday. 3pm kick off.

Walsall United were involved in a close but entertaining game against Dudley K 2nds at Delves Road. A late score secured the visitors a 31-20 win.

The Walsall 3rd team are involved in a strong

league this season and have to face 2nd teams on a regular basis. They were beaten 69-17 by Tamworth 2nds last Saturday. Tries were scored by Andy Richardson, Jordan Stynes, and Geraint Tiliot. James Quigley kicked a conversion.

## Walsall Junior Rugby

### Moseley U-16s14 Walsall U-16s 27

Moseley scored first with a converted try. Jamie Harding then pounced for a try converted by Will Hennessy.

The game then swung back towards Moseley with another converted try.

Hennessy the powered over for an unconverted try. He repeated the move a few minutes later for another try.

The second half saw two tries by Jamie Harding and right at the end of the game Rhys Gaddu forced his way over.

### MoseleyU-15 24 Walsall U-15s 34

It took Walsall 12 minutes to break the home defence. There was a superb try, for Liam McDermott. Max Mason, who scored three tries, went over for his first..

Scores also came for Alex Maxwell, Lewis Hawkins and Joe Birch.

## Benbow's brace the catalyst for Pics win

**Salford City 1 Rushall 3**  
RUSHALL Olympic came away from Salford City with three points thanks to a Luke Benbow brace in the Evo-Stik Premier.

Two goals in two minutes gave the Pics the half-time advantage even though Salford had had the majority of the chances.

A trio of headers were missed in the early stages by the home side, with only Jordan Hulme's effort troubling Dean Coleman.

Alex Reid forced a save from Jay Lynch and Jack Duggan hit the side netting as Rushall edged forward as the game went on.

Benbow was booked for a dive inside the area but opened the scoring three minutes before the break with a left-footed daisy-cutter from 18 yards.

Less than 60 seconds later, Reid went through on goal and held off the challenge of substitute Luke Giverin and finished for his fourth goal in two games.

Richie Allen pulled one back from the spot on 51 minutes after he was felled by Zac Martin.

The hosts pressed for a second goal but were caught in the final few seconds of normal time when Benbow fired in from the edge of the area.

**Salford City:** J Lynch, Smalley (Giverin 38), O'halloran, Moses, Howson, Lynch, Kebbie (Webber 46), Clark, Poole, Hulme, Allen (Mwasile 58)

**Subs not used:** Itela, Dootson  
**Rushall Olympic:** Coleman, Christophorou, Martin, Tolley (Townsend 67), Duggan, Caines, Wright (Taylor 59), Palmer, Benbow, Roberts, Reid (McGrath 83)

**Subs not used:** Farquharson, Heath

## Matt loving life as a pro in the ring

RECYCLING entrepreneur Matt Gordon is loving life as a professional boxer after cleaning up in the unlicensed boxing circuit.

The West Bromwich heavyweight is set for his second professional fight on Black Country Boxing's "The Avengers" show at Walsall Town Hall on Saturday, October 3.

Gordon, aged 30, enjoyed a winning start to his professional career with an entertaining points win over Leeds' James Oliphant in July and is raring to go for his second outing.

"I loved every minute of my first fight," Gordon said. "It gave me a proper taste of what is to come and I can't wait for more of it.

"It was everything I expected – I knew it would be tough and it was, against a good opponent. It showed me the work that's involved.

"I've had over 20 unlicensed fights over the last four years, and four years in mixed martial arts before that.

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## Darlo suffer first defeat on home turf

### Darlaston 1 Trysull 2

TEN-MAN Darlaston crashed to their first home defeat of the West Midlands Division One season following a penalty miss which proved dear.

Lucas Hough's spot-kick miss was followed two minutes later by the opening goal for Trysull, Dan Patrick hitting the net.

Three minutes in the second half, Darlaston lost the services of Ian Watkins who received two cautions within a two-minute period.

Jamie Morgan doubled the visitors' lead on 52 minutes with a powerful strike which found the back of the net with ease.

Mark Swann gave Darlo some hope a minute from time beating Brach with a powerful header but Trysull held on to win 2-1.

## Ameobi gets a good run with under-21 side

SHOLA Ameobi played more than an hour for Wolves' under-21 side as deliberations continue over whether he will win a deal at Molineux.

The former Newcastle United frontman is training with Wolves after being released by Crystal Palace in the summer.

He featured for 68 minutes as Wolves went down 3-2 at Swansea.

Club captain Danny Bath came through the full 90 minutes on his 25th birthday – increasing his chances of a return to first-team action for Saturday's trip to Deepdale to face Preston North End.

Portuguese winger Eusebio Banecci scored both of Wolves' goals, one a late penalty, with Oliver McBurnie, Daniel Alfei and Daniel James netting for the Welsh side.

Kenny Jackett said ahead of the game that if Ameobi signed for Wolves it would most likely be on a short-term deal.

"We'll see how he does in that particular game (at Swansea), whether we then extend that."

## Villa take a hammering from Lichfield

### Lichfield City 8 Pelsall 0

PELSALL Villa were left stunned as their impressive recent run in Midland League Division One was ended by visitors Lichfield City in an 8-0 thrashing.

Man of the match Thomas Evans opened the scoring after just two minutes and after 25 minutes had his hat-trick in the bag, with a Jordan Kent own goal sandwiched in between his second and third strikes.

Tony Clarke made it 5-0 early in the second before going onto complete a nine-minute hat-trick. Keenen-Meakin Richards added number eight.

A couple of saves from Dale Faultless kept the score down as Villa were completely outplayed.



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## Wright's first for Wood is the winner

Walsall Wood 3  
Boldmere St. Michaels 2

WOOD came out victorious, even though they had to play the last hour with only 10 men after Anthony Juxon was sent off.

By the break Jazz Luckie had scored twice to cancel out Daniel Griffiths' brace, but Wood controlled the second half and deserved the 70th minute winner from Luke Wright.

On 14 minutes Toumani Sidibe won a left wing corner, Griffiths heading home through a crowd of players.

Then just 11 minutes later, from a right wing corner, it was Griffiths again powering a header into the roof of the net to put Wood 2-0 up.

Within five minutes the Mikes were back in it, Jordan Archer collected a ball wide right, cut inside into the box, his lovely low cross swept home by Jazz Luckie.

Then for an off the ball incident Anthony Juxon was red carded.

With Wood in disarray Luckie took advantage when on 36 minutes he raced into the centre of the box, going through three challenges before tucking the ball past the exposed Lee Evans to tie the game.

Four minutes into the second half a slide rule ball from Butlin released Griffiths into the left of the box, his low near post drive taken at full stretch by Butler.

The all-important winner came on 70 minutes, Harris delivered a right wing free kick into the box. Butlin's header back across goal beat the keeper but was headed round the post for a right wing corner.

From the flag kick Luke Wright powered a header into the roof of the net – his first goal for the Wood.

## Aldridge enjoy a day of firsts as they take game

Aldridge 23 Aston Old Eds 8

THIS was a game of firsts for Aldridge; first in Midlands 4 West North and the first time they had played Aston Old Eds in a competitive game.

The first half was a cagey affair. Alex Yates kicked a penalty to give the home side an early lead but the advantage then turned to Aston who scored a try through Sam Lee.

Aldridge grabbed another penalty from Alex Yates to go in at half time with a 6-3 lead.

Aston claimed the first points of the second half with a penalty for Ian Lyons. But this was as good as it got for the visitors.

Aldridge finally began to get over their nerves. Centres, Ben Pittam and Chris Balmforth caught the eye with some hard, intelligent running. This led to the space that Darren Gardner needed to run in a typical bustling try, converted by the reliable Alex Yates.

Shortly afterwards the pack set up a rolling maul to give Dan Lastun a try, again converted by Alex Yates. Alex then kicked a penalty to extend the score to 23-8.

## All is forgiven Berahino – for now



Saïdo Berahino hugged by Salomon Rondon

Villa 0 Albion 1

IF there is a more fickle group of people in society than football fans – I'm yet to meet them.

That is no criticism. Every sports fan is the same, bias to their side or their favourite player.

If, for example, they do something horribly wrong and then score the winner in a fierce local derby just weeks later – well, all is forgiven.

That is exactly the situation we had on our hands at Villa Park on Saturday. The planets had aligned for Saïdo Berahino to come out of those 90 minutes an Albion hero.

Days ago, supporters – still understandably in-

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censed over the forward's treatment of his childhood club – would have had Berahino rot in the reserves.

The 22-year-old flicked his boot at a low James Morrison drive and all of a sudden there were thousands from the Black Country jumping up and down, screaming the name of the Burundi-born hitman.

It got better than that, full-time came and with Berahino's goal the settler between the two sides. It was a great moment.

# POSH SEE RED AND ARE RILED

Peterborough 1 Walsall 1

**FOOTBALL – the game that always has the ability to surprise.**

We love it for its talent to produce moments that are outlandish and spectacular, that's what keeps us going back week after week.

But at Peterborough's London Road on Saturday, the bizarre turned into the ridiculous with a series of events that cost Walsall a deserved three points.

This game was a damp squib for 84 minutes with the Saddlers very much on course to record a routine victory.

That was until the inexplicable decision by referee Mark Haywood to send off Posh midfielder Jermaine Anderson.

The 19-year-old, after suffering a bout of cramp, used the break in play to have a sip of water.

But he got it all wrong when throwing the bottle back to his dugout and it ended up in the stand, hitting a Posh supporter.

Quick to apologise, Anderson couldn't believe his eyes when he turned around to see Haywood produce a red card – incredibly – for violent conduct.

**Peculiar**

Yet it wasn't Peterborough who ended up paying for the peculiar events that were unfolding.

Up until that point, the home side and their fans seemed set on the fact they were heading towards defeat.

Walsall had controlled the second half and should have had more to show for their dominance than just Romaine Sawyers' wonder goal.

But the dismissal renewed Peterborough's fire and riled the crowd, giving them their enthusiasm back.

Without it, Posh wouldn't have won the late penalty that saw the tie end in a draw.

And even after that controversy, the Saddlers pushed for a winner with Sawyers again going close, Milan Lalkovic flashing a strike across goal while Sam Mantom hit the crossbar from 20 yards with practically the last kick of the game.

Caretaker boss Grant McCann admitted in his post-match interview that the red card, which he described as 'ridiculous', had favoured his side.



Reece Flanagan is surrounded surrounded by Peterborough players during the action

"Sometimes going down to 10 men can inspire a team and that's what happened to us," he said. "We pushed on, won a penalty and scored an equaliser. In the circumstances it was a good point against a very good side."

While disappointed, both Dean Smith and goalscorer Sawyers were keen to stress the positives when they spoke after the game.

After a cagey first half, more like a game of chess than football, the Saddlers took control.

Both sides tried playing the right way, keeping the ball on the deck. But after the break, Walsall had more purpose, more intent and moved the ball quicker.

It was those characteristics Smith and Sawyers were keen to emphasise.

And while the result was unjust, the Saddlers remain unbeaten away from home in League One and continue to keep performance levels high.

Next up is the small matter of Chelsea on Wednesday night.

However, there will be a lingering doubt over striker Tom Bradshaw after he was withdrawn here with a slight groin strain.

Whether the star man starts or not, Walsall enter the game believing they can make history – with the bizarre events at London Road not overshadowing the fantastic start they have enjoyed.

## International challenge from Pulis

BOSS Tony Pulis has challenged Saïdo Berahino to earn an England recall after his Albion redemption.

The striker scored his first goal of the season to clinch a 1-0 win at Villa on Saturday.

He returned to the starting line-up for the first time since threatening to strike after the Baggies rejected two dead-line-day bids from Tottenham.

Berahino had been left out of three squads by Pulis during the transfer saga before making a second-half substitute appearance in last week's 0-0 draw with Southampton.

The England Under-21 international, who scored 20 goals last term, earned a call-up to Roy Hodgson's squad last year but is yet to make a senior appearance and Pulis believes he can bag a Three Lions return ahead of Euro 2016.

He said: "I don't see any reason why not. He's got that special talent for scoring goals and he's shown it again today, with his reaction. It's a clever goal, and he meant it."

"I think he's got to get back in our team first and do well before we start pushing him."

"We've got to support him and make sure we get him back to where he was at the end of last season when he was scoring goals."

But Pulis admitted another transfer battle could happen again in January after the Baggies rejected four bids from Tottenham and turned down a transfer request from Berahino over the summer.

He said: "Let's see how we go in the next 15 games. I don't know what's going to happen in January. What I do know is we've got him concentrating and level-headed again having lost him for six weeks."

## Lockmen lose out to a single strike

Ellesmere Rangers 1 Willenhall 0

THE Lockmen stay fourth in the West Midlands Premier Division despite a defeat away in deepest Shropshire.

The deciding goal arrived in the fifth minute.

A long ball forward found Josh Brown running through on goal.

Tim Patterson raced out to meet him and blocked his first attempt, but the ball bounced straight back to the young winger's feet and he tucked it home.

There were plenty of attempts at goal from both sides, but nothing to worry either keeper after the goal. The Lockmen had half-hearted appeals for a penalty.

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